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Major retail complex moves a step closer

MAMMOTH plans to build another out-of-town leisure and retail development in Ely have taken a major step forward this week.

Bosses at Turnstone (Ely) Ltd have submitted a 'screening opinion' to East Cambridgeshire District Council for a proposed multi-million pound leisure development on land adjacent to Ely Rugby Club, in Downham Road.

The screening opinion will see planners telling the developers what supporting evidence they want if and when a formal planning application is submitted, such as environmental/archaeological surveys.

The application comes just weeks after Cambridge Property Group, revealed it is drawing up plans to build a £20 million leisure and retail development, called Hereward Park, on land to the west of Turnstone's proposed site, where Ely City Football Club and the Ely Outdoor Sports Association (EOSA) currently are.

As previously reported, they say their plans involve building a new swimming pool and leisure village – but the firm is also hoping that Tesco could be swayed to build a new store there instead of on the proposed Octagon Park development in Angel Drove.

Turnstone's plans involve building a six-screen cinema and eight new restaurants – three of which would be

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'drive-throughs'. They also want to build an underpass at the A10.

A spokesman said: "We have submitted a screening request to the council and will shortly be undertaking an extensive public consultation that will enable Ely residents to comment on our plans for a cinema and restaurants.

"Following this we will then submit a planning application to the council.

"What we are proposing is in full accordance with the emerging Local Plan and reflects the wishes of Ely residents who have previously identified the Downham Road junction as their favoured choice for a leisure development."

In reaction to the application, a spokesman for the Cambridge Property Group said: "We are pleased that following the recent announcement relating to our major superstore, retail park and leisure complex on Downham Road, that Turnstone might now make some progress too."

A council spokesman said: "We are working very closely with Turnstone to deliver a multiplex cinema and together we are very close to being in a position to make a major announcement very soon on the progress which is being made."

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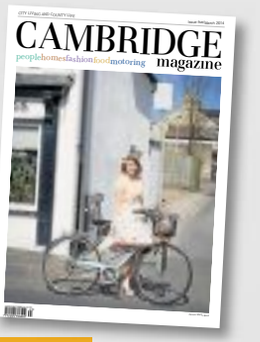

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Sew the night away

'SPRINGTIME Sewing' is the title of the Ely City Women's Institute's next meeting.

Lesley Partridge, owner of Sew Much To Do, based in High Street Passage, is hosting the meeting at the Old Dispensary, in St Mary's Street, on Monday, March 10.

The branch, which is always looking for new members, meets at the Old Dispensary on the second Monday of every month at 7.30pm.

Call (01353) 663787 for more information.

War Horse show live

WAR Horse is being screened live from London's National Theatre in Ely on Sunday.

Two screenings are being held at The Maltings, in Ship Lane; one at 3pm and the other at 7pm.

Tickets are £13.50 for cinema members, £12.50 for non-members and £11.50 for students.

Call Ely Cinema on (01353) 666388 or visit www.adec.org.uk for tickets or more information.

VOICING CONCERNS: Mayor Elaine Griffin-Singh chats with Lucy Novick, 7, at the event

Dog poo is hot topic of the day

DOG faeces was the hot topic of conversation at a special children's event in Ely.

The city's mayor, Cllr Elaine Griffin-Singh, hosted a Meet the Mayor morning at the library on Saturday to give youngsters the chance to speak up on local issues.

She said: "The event went really well and the turnout was good.

"I thought the children would mainly want to speak about play areas and youth clubs but surprisingly the main issue they raised was dog dirt.

"They said how fed up they were with treading in it and that there were certain footpaths in Ely which are really bad. You wouldn't think they were aware of issues like that but they really are."

The mayor was joined by Councillors Alison Arnold, John Outen and Chris Phillips for the event. Cllr Griffin-Singh said: "We will be seeing what we can do to try and help with the dog dirt issue."

Left without BT line for 16 days

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RESIDENTS in a remote hamlet near Ely who were left without a telephone line for more than two weeks have described British Telecom's (BT) service as "appalling".

People living in Straight Drove, Way Head, near Little Downham, were left with neither a telephone line nor internet access for a total of 16 days.

The hamlet's main telephone line was damaged in the storms which battered the region on Saturday, February 15.

But it wasn't until earlier this week that BT engineers eventually fixed the line.

The granddaughter of one of residents affected, a 93-year-woman, described BT's service as "shocking".

She said: "My nana lives alone and was left without a telephone line for more than two weeks.

"BT said that if she had an emergency button in her house they would fix the line within 30 hours but because she didn't, which is her choice, they couldn't treat her as a priority.

"Their attitude has been shocking – they couldn't care less."

Neil Robertson was forced to work from Ely Library everyday while the line was down.

He said: "I work in IT and know how important customer service is. I can only describe BT's customer service as appalling – there's no communication whatsoever.

"The line took just three hours for them to fix on Monday – why couldn't that have been done soon after the line came down? We all pay our bills and the way we've been treated just isn't fair."

A spokesman for BT said: "We had an aerial cable out of service which affected 12 properties in the area.

"We needed to carry out a full survey on works necessary and attended Way Head on Monday to carry out the works to restore service. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused whilst customers were affected."

TIME TO FLIP: Choir boys practising for their pancake race, which was held after Evensong on Shrove Tuesday. Pictures by Geoff Robinson Photography

Choristers hit a flat note... But only because it was Shrove Tuesday!

CHORISTERS went flipping crazy for their annual pancake race at Ely Cathedral.

The boys, aged 10 and 11, wore their striking red cassocks as they flipped pancakes to mark Shrove Tuesday.

The traditional event sees about 20 choristers race down the nave of the 12th century cathedral after Evensong.

It is the third longest nave in the UK, measuring 75 metres.

"Choristers have taken part in a pancake race at the cathedral for as long as anyone can remember," said Lesley Ann Thompson, a spokeswoman for the cathedral.

"It marks the start of Lent which is a period of austerity and it's something fun for the boys to do – they really enjoy it."

The Bishop of Ely, Rt Revd Stephen Conway, is encouraging people to support local charity, The SEED Project's 'Small Change' challenge during Lent, which will help transform people's lives in southern Africa.

By giving up chocolate or store-bought coffee, or cycling to work throughout Lent, you could save from £6 up to as much as £100.

Then, by donating the money that you save to The SEED Project, you can help empower disadvantaged communities in Zimbabwe.

Lent 2014 started on Wednesday and finishes on Saturday, April 19 – Easter Saturday.

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Afternoon of all things pancakes!

FAMILIES are in for a flipping good time in Little Downham on Sunday.

A whole host of fun-filled pancake related activities are being held at the village hall, including family pancake races, a pancake feast, novel games, such as volley pancake, and various prizes and raffles.

The fun kicks off at 3pm, entry is £2 for adults and free for children, and all funds raised will be donated to the village hall refurbishment fund.

Master chef fun for young cooks

CHILDREN can put their culinary skills to the test in Ely on Saturday.

Local charity Act4Kidz is holding a 'mini master chefs' event at the Paradise Centre. Running from 2.30-4pm, youngsters will work in teams to prepare a meal and will be judged by parents and carers.

The cost is £3.50 per child and priority will be given to young people with additional needs. Call Niki on 07880 557795.

Eyes down at popular King's Arms

A BINGO night is being held at the King's Arms in Ely on Tuesday.

The event, which is being held on the second Tuesday of every month, starts at 8pm and the cost is £6 for a total of five games. Call (01353) 656828 to reserve a table.

Special church service tomorrow

A SERVICE is being held in Ely tomorrow to mark the Annual Women's World Day of Prayer.

Celia Summerfield, a Methodist lay preacher, will be guest speaker at the service at St Mary's Church, which starts at 1.45pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the church hall. Call (01353) 659550.

Tour de France trophy in city

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THE official Grand Départ – the trophy for Le Tour de France – is coming to the Ely area today.

The trophy, which is commissioned by the Amaury Sport Organisation (ASO), who organise Le Tour de France, is held each year by the area or city hosting the start of the legendary cycle race.

It arrived at the Grand Arcade shopping centre in Cambridge on Saturday and will be touring Cambridgeshire all this year.

Today, the trophy will be at Witchford Village College where students and staff have organised an action-packed day of sports-related activities to celebrate hosting it.

Between 3.30pm and 5.30pm the trophy will then be on display inside Ely Cathedral, where visitors will be able to get close to it and pose alongside it for pictures.

Lesley Ann Thompson, a spokeswoman for Ely Cathedral, said: "We were honoured to be asked to display the trophy inside the cathedral as part of its tour around the county.

"We consider ourselves a community building and a public resource and we hope many people will take the opportunity to come and see it in situ between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

"While the trophy cannot be handled, we have been told that people can get close enough to have their photograph taken next to it."

Admission charges for the cathedral will also be waivered for the occasion.

The trophy was designed by award-winning French photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand.

Cllr Noel Kavanagh, cycling champion at Cambridgeshire County Council, said: "It is fantastic to have the Grand Départ trophy coming to Cambridgeshire.

"It is a wonderful symbol of Le Tour de France which we were determined to make available for as many people as possible to see."

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/LeTourCambridge or www.twitter.com/LeTourCambridge.

Pedestrian, 18, involved in car collision

A TEENAGER suffered head and leg injuries when he was involved in a collision with a car in Ely.

The collision happened in Lynn Road, close to the junction with Chapel Street, at around 10am on Monday.

Emergency services, including police and the East of England Ambulance Service (EEAS), attended and the victim, an 18-year-old man, was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, by land ambulance.

A spokesman for EEAS said the man's injuries were "not life threatening".

He said: "The pedestrian, an 18-year-old male, suffered injuries to his head and legs but they were not life threatening."

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PEDAL POWER: From left: Robert Hart, Michael Bruce, Minister Karl Relton and Shelley Martin

24 hours of cycling for Zambia trip

CHURCHGOERS used their pedal power to raise much-needed funds towards a voluntary trip to Zambia.

Members of Ely's Countess Free Church paired up on exercise bikes to complete a mammoth 24-hour cyclathon from 10am on Saturday through to 10am on Sunday.

The event was organised to raise money towards a trip to Lusaka, which 10 church members are taking part in this July.

They will help to build a school in a slum, as well as working with local orphans and disadvantaged families. The group need to raise around £5,000 in total.

A coffee morning was also held at the church on Saturday and raised around £250. It is hoped the cyclists will have raised several hundred pounds through sponsorship. To make a donation, call (01353) 662396.

Fresh support for bid to get station rebuilt

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RE-OPENING a railway station in Soham is a priority for Lucy Frazer – the Conservative Parliamentary candidate for South East Cam-bridgeshire.

Following extensive talks with Cambridgeshire County Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council, bosses at Network Rail agreed to include rebuilding the station as a proposal in their 2014-2019 business plan.

But Mrs Frazer says she is determined to "ensure the proposal turns into a reality".

After meeting at the proposed site with local district and county councillor Joshua Schumann, she said: "A new station would be hugely beneficial to the town. It would help attract business and jobs.

"It will also mean opportunities for young people will increase as access is opened up to Ely. I know Sir Jim Paice has already had a number of discussions with Network Rail and I will continue to liaise with them to help ensure the proposal turns into a reality."

The station opened in 1879 when the Ely to Newmarket railway line was built.

But it was destroyed on June 2, 1944, after a consignment of bombs travelling through the town caught fire.

Re-opening the station could provide a direct rail link to Ely, Cambridge, Peterborough, Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich.

Cllr Schumann said: "I am happy to see that Soham's railway station is back on Network Rail's forward business plan and pleased to see the backing of Cambridgeshire County Council yet again for this project. It is great to have our Conservative candidate Lucy Frazer offering support for the future of the Soham railway station."

A recent study showed that re-building the station could generate up to £500,000 a year – if there was an hourly service. The project would cost an estimated £6 million.

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Extension to improve dining facilities at pub

A POPULAR pub could be extended to help "improve" its dining facilities.

Bosses at Greene King PLC have applied for planning permission to build an extension at The Cherry Tree in Fordham Road, Soham.

The proposed extension is single storey, 53 square metres in size, with a flat roof.

In a statement to East Cambridgeshire District Council, their agents, BGW Design Studio, said: "The applicant intends to provide a suitably sized and designed extension to be in keeping with the existing building, as well as offering improved dining facilities for customers.

"The main entrances will remain and we propose to create a new entrance/exit to the rear of the building, which will lead onto a new patio area with a timber pergola."

A decision is expected within eight weeks.

To view the proposals or to have your say, visit *www.east-cambs.gov.uk*.

Use your best stroke to top up funds for Sport Relief

SWIMMERS of all abilities from the Ely area are being given the chance to raise money for Sport Relief.

Paradise Pool in Ely is taking part in the World's Biggest Swim on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23.

The event is in aid of Sport Relief, which supports Comic Relief – the charity that fights poverty in the UK and abroad.

People of all ages can chose to swim 1.5km, 2.5km or 5km, and there are team challenges of 1.5km or 5km.

Simon Clasby, general manager of Paradise Pool, which is owned by Everyone Active, said: "The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Swimathon is a fantastic way to bring our community together.

"People of all ages and abilities can take part and it's a great opportunity to raise money for charity while enjoying a fantastic workout."

For more information, pop into the pool, off Newnham Street, call (01353) 665481 or visit *www.everyoneactive.com*.

'Hotel' is the purr-fect new business venture for Adrienne

FELINE FUN: Adrienne Boydell and her son, Jake Boydell, 11, with two of the happy boarders

A NEW hotel – for cats – has opened its doors.

'Feline at Home' is the brainchild of cat fanatic Adrienne Boydell, who is finally fulfilling her dream of running her own cattery.

Adrienne, 49, moved from her former home in Ely city centre to a former boarding kennels and cattery in Brickmakers Way, Littleport, with her husband and son, and is now running the purrr-fect business there.

She said: "I've always wanted to run my own cattery. I love cats and have always owned more than one.

"I think it's fair to describe Feline at Home as a cat hotel rather than a cattery.

"We're able to accommodate up to 19 cats, including up to four cats from the same home.

"All our pens are indoors and are heated, and we're able to cater for cats which have special medical requirements or dietary needs.

"Kennels came with the property when we moved in but we are getting rid of them as we want to just cater for cats, which we feel is something which is quite unique in this area."

For more information, call (01353) 863580 or visit *www.felineathome.weebly.com*.

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'Ship of the Fens' subject of talk

ELY Cathedral will be the subject of a talk at Ely Museum next week.

Lesley Ann Thompson, the cathedral's marketing manager, is hosting the Ely Society's next talk on Wednesday, March 12.

The talk, entitled Widening the appeal of Ely Cathedral, is being held at the museum's Vernon Cross Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome.

Appeal after plans are thrown out

A PLANNING appeal has been launched after proposals to convert a garage in Coveney were rejected.

Roger Stuart-Menteath, of Main Street, applied for planning permission to convert his garage into a separate dwelling last year but the plans were rejected by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Mr Stuart-Menteath has now launched an appeal against that decision with the Secretary of State. People have until April 2 to comment on the appeal by visiting *www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs*.

Fun for all the family at race night

A FAMILY race night is being held at Ely City Football Club this month.

People of all ages are invited to the event, which kicks off at 8pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for under-12s, which includes sausage and chips, and are available on the door.

Big Brew event boosts Fairtrade

APPROXIMATELY £260 worth of Fairtrade and Traidcraft products were sold at an event in Ely.

Teresa Ely, of Barton Road, held a Big Brew event at her home last week to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight and £42 was also raised for the charity Traidcraft Exchange.

Jobs at council are still at risk

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A LAST-minute bid to stop radical restructure plans at East Cambridgeshire District Council has failed.

Independent councillors Andy Wright and Derrick Beckett put forward a motion at the authority's full council meeting last Thursday in an attempt to scupper council leader James Palmer's restructure proposals.

As exclusively reported last week, their motion, which was leaked to *Ely News* ahead of the meeting, involved deleting the post of chief executive, which is currently John Hill, and replacing the two proposed assistant director posts with three directors – all of equal status.

They also wanted those posts to be paid at similar levels to the previous management team and that the responsibilities for all departments at the council be shared equally between the three.

Cllrs Beckett and Wright were also proposing the role of leader and deputy leader at the council should be incorporated.

They said Cllr Palmer's proposed changes to staffing levels, which could see around 25 redundancies being made, will make the council "open to serious risk of continuity".

Despite the motion already being in the public domain, Conservative members voted that it should be debated in the absence of members of the public – and press – at the meeting, and the motion was lost.

The proposed restructure, which Cllr Palmer admits is "radical" but insists will be "change for the better", has been subject to a 45-day consultation which was due to end on Monday.

But Unison members, who have been protesting since the plans were announced, are accusing Cllr Palmer of pressing ahead with changes without consultations having finished.

A Unison spokeswoman said: "We are saddened that the democratic engagement between councillors and staff has degenerated to the extent that we are forced to use the media in order to communicate our genuine concerns about the proposals."

Speaking at the meeting, Cllr Anna Bailey, chairman of the personnel and corporate services committee, said: "I can assure all staff members that the consultation is genuine and that all feedback received will be carefully considered."

Pamper activities galore at annual girls-only event in Ely

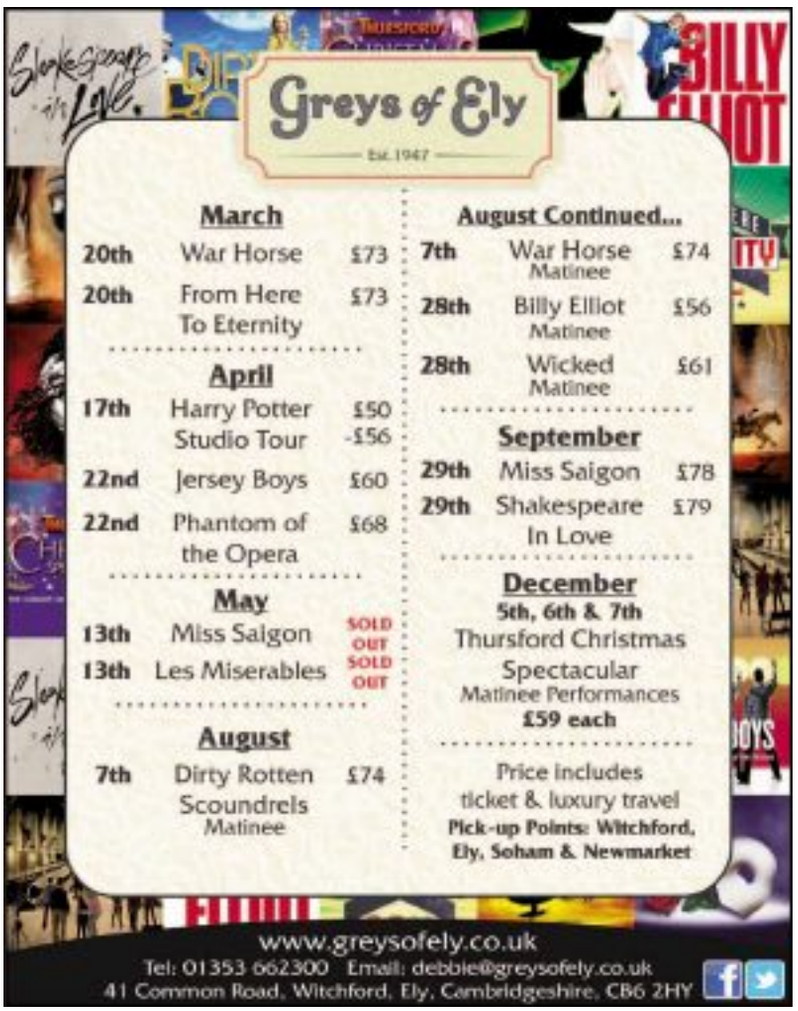
MANICURES and jewellery making will be among the activities on offer at a girls-only event in Ely.

Ely RAW is holding its annual 'Shine' event for girls aged 11-17 on Saturday, March 15.

Girls from across the region attend each year and the theme this year is 'Your Way'.

Running at both the Lighthouse Centre and the Countess Free Church, there will be a whole host of pamper activities, including make-up, hair styling and manicures, as well as activities which will encourage participants to make the most of their opportunities.

It is running from 10am-4pm and the cost is £10 each. Call Zoe on 07712 653299.



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Bypass is excuse for retail park

ELY has already witnessed a significant chunk of its quality of life destroyed with the vast and soulless housing estates that have mushroomed out, unabated, from the north and the west of the city over the last decade.
This scenario will be exacerbated by the planned new bypass, which will destroy the iconic view of the beautiful vista of the great Cathedral.
It is just another excuse to dump yet another cloned, and insensitive, out-of-town retail park on the outskirts of Ely, which will impinge on the Fens, and result in an acute negative effect on trade in the already beleaguered city centre.
Between them the two councils, County and East Cambs, have no sympathy for this wonderful place, and in no way respect the cathedral or its surrounding ambience.
The bureaucrats tried to make it appear as though the two developments were not associated. I can tell you that East Cambs have been sitting on the plans for the new Tesco Supermarket for over a year now.
Being a two-way road this by-pass will be gridlocked for the majority of the day. It is a short-sighted, knee-jerk reaction to the bridge problem and will only lead to further industrialisation of the tranquil fens. It will have a dire effect on the ecosystem of the area.
There were other more alternatives to this plan, but both councils refused to entertain them.
I am surprised thatmore local residents didn't vociferously campaign against this. There is plenty of money in the area for a really good fight to have this stopped in its tracks. Isn't this unique and wonderful setting worth going into battle for?
Clive Porter
Melbourn
Royston

My errors in their turbine data

I WISH to correct my letter concerning wind turbine data (*Ely News*, 27th February).
I stated that 'over the year the turbines only produced 26 full days of energy unlike conventional power stations that produce 365 full days of energy a year'.
What I should have said was that they produced 96 full days of energy a year, which is only 26% of the year.
My apologies to REG for errors in using their data but this does not alter the fact that wind power is an unreliable energy source.
Terry Hayes

Why did candidate attend?

YOUR readers will no doubt be aware of the impending financial crisis developing at the District Council, resulting in the proposed job cuts that are one way of approaching the problem.
The loss of an entire tier of management will save money, but will result in risk to services with the loss of valuable experience. This may be the point. After all, dictators from Stalin to Mao found it useful to destroy resistance in pursuit of their own aims.
The 'cultural change' that is the basis of the Conservative plans appears to be to make the council more commercial in outlook. I could describe the proposed changes in more detail but all public participation was blocked at full council last week when the Conservative group voted to discuss the changes in closed confidential setting, despite officer advice that this was not necessary.
Members of the public were ejected; it almost seemed that elected Members of the controlling group were ashamed to defend their actions.
I sincerely hope staff and opposition group alternative proposals are positively considered.
I believe far more significant changes will be needed including mergers of services with neighbouring authorities. If this is to happen, a timescale for change and transparent dealings with staff and opposition groups are prerequisites.
The current situation is not the best foundation for progress.
On another subject that illustrates the approach of the current regime, last Friday evening was the District Council Civic reception, held at a cost to you, the taxpayer, of close to £4,000.
This is billed as a Civic event with the great and good from parish council representatives, to the Lord Lieutenant and representatives of local authorities and the military in attendance. All so fair and open you might think.
So why was the recently, almost selected, Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate in attendance? She is not local, has no position in local or national government, and is probably not a close family friend of the chair of council who is responsible for the invitations.
Why was she given exclusive access to the assembled dignitaries at public expense? Or is it just that the UKIP, Lib Dem, Labour and Green candidates failed to turn up?
Ian Allen
Non aligned member for Haddenham ward

Council staff are taxpayers too!

ON behalf of those Unison members who attended the Council meeting last week, the local Branch of Unison would like to place on record how dismayed staff felt at the level of debate at the meeting.
Many councillors appear ignorant of the fact that the council's employees are also council tax payers and voters too! Our families live and work in the district, spend their pay in the district, use local shops and trades people in the district and yes, we also use the Council's services. This is why we feel so strongly about the current proposals, because we know how the current proposals will affect local services, something that we, as local people, have a stake in too!
The Chief Executive assured the meeting that he understands his role in mitigating redundancies. Unison is aware that many staff, both directly and indirectly affected, have submitted considered responses to the proposals. We are aware that these responses fully meet the objectives of the review and we sincerely hope that the Chief Executive, Chairman of Personnel, Leader and Deputy Leader take on board staff concerns and look again at what has been put before them as the consultation process comes to an end.
We cannot express strongly enough how this whole process has affected staff. ECDC may be small but the staff are the greatest resource and work very hard for local people.
It is sad that the council's own leading group do not feel they can speak to the staff to find out actually what we do, but feel justified in assuming that we don't know what we are doing.
Councillors come and go, however the staff are the ones who deliver services on the ground.
Councillors make the decisions but the staff are the ones who deliver on those decisions.
Take out of the council structure the staff who have the skills to make things happen and you end up with expensive consultants, who, as the saying goes, "borrow your watch to tell you the time."
We sincerely hope that the future relationship between the leading group and staff can be mended and that trust and confidence can be rebuilt in the coming months.
East Cambs branch of Unison

Young people's views count

IT looked as if the mayor and some councillors had good questions to answer at the Meet the Mayor event on Saturday. And it seems these young people know what they wanted.
These young people are our future councillors or maybe MPs. This could be a winner for Ely City councillors, I hope this was not just one-off.
I think this should be done every year by the presiding mayor. It would then give councillors 'food for thought' as to what's needed for the young generation.
Let's have more points of views from the young of today.
Eddie Holden
Ely Road
Little Downham

What do they have to hide?

HAVING read the letter from James Palmer, Leader of East Cambs District Council (*Ely News* 20th February) stating that he has no responsibility for staff and his duty is solely to council tax payers – the customers – I thought I had better attend the full council meeting to find out what on earth is going on.
Is it that he just cannot multitask or was he distancing himself from blame for what seems to be a bad situation? Like it or not, as leader he has a moral responsibility and duty of care toward the staff as well as being answerable to the electorate.
I was not the only one seeking information, a significant number of council officers and staff also attended the meeting obviously concerned at the prospect of losing their jobs. They had a lengthy list of questions to put to the council and from the very uninformative responses given it seems there has been no communication between the council and its employees.
It was stated that the consultation period ends on March 3, however I don't know how you consult with people that you intend to sack when you don't talk to them.
The good news was that the Budget was discussed and approved and Linda Grinnell, head of finance, was given a sincere vote of appreciation and applause from all the councillors for the sterling work she had carried out. Linda looked bemused to find herself so valued, because she is one of the people on the list for possible redundancy.
What else did I find out? The meaning of 'customer-focused'. At East Cambs, it seems to mean conducting council business behind closed doors at meetings which have no minutes.
What do they have to hide? It's very worrying.
Jane Howell
Hillrow
Haddenham

REVIEW: Gala concert at the Hayward Theatre, Ely, Saturday March I, presented by the King's School Ely

There is no doubt that the standard of music was very high in the Gala Concert presented on Saturday Ist March in the Hayward Theatre by the King's School Ely. The programme was carefully chosen and included works by Handel, Hummel, Kabalevsky, Bach, and Dvorak.

An assured and spirited performance of Handel's 'Coronation Anthem no 3 'The King Shall Rejoice' was followed by two concerto movements. Hummel's 'Trumpet Concerto' Wo O 1, S.49 (first movement) was played by Isaac Bateman and Kabalevsky's 'Violin Concerto' op.48 (first movement) was played by Yuki Kimura. The two soloists were, indeed, highly competent. Yuki, in particular, demonstrated that special musical awareness and talent that brings the music alive. We have probably witnessed the start of a highly successful musical career for this talented student.

Other notable performers included soprano Emma Jones and there were many moments of beauty produced by the remaining performers, for example, the flautists in the final orchestral work.

Bach's 'Cantata no. 150 'Nach dir Herr, verlanget mich' BWV150 (1,2,3,4,7) featured a select number of some of the school's finest singers and instrumentalists with the Director of Music, Dr Martin Leigh at the 'harpsichord'. At the end of the concert, he conducted a grand performance of the large school orchestra which played of Dvorak's 'Symphony no. 8 in G major op. 88 (first movement) and his astute conducting produced a cohesive and worthy performance.
Rosemary Westwell

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Pirates and princesses let off steam at city's library

DRESSING UP: From left: Amanda Driver, 3, Joshua Hughes, 2, Fletcher Barry, 3, and Lilli West-Lewis, 4, enjoying the fun

CHILDREN donned their tiaras and eye patches for a morning of fun in Ely.

Almost 40 children and 18 childminders came together for a special 'Pirates and Princesses' event at Ely Library.

The event was held on Thursday and was organised by local childminder Sue Smith, who runs Sweet Peas Childcare.

The youngsters not only went all out by dressing up as princesses and pirates for the occasion but they also enjoyed storytelling, games, face-painting and crafts thanks to Annabel Reddick, from Burrows Bookshop, and local mum Sam Gallop.

Mrs Smith, who is also the local facilitator for Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY), said: "Both the children and the childminders had great fun and I'd like to thank everyone who made it such a success.

"The children's costumes were brilliant and they really enjoyed decorating their princess crowns and pirate masks."

Council tax freeze is rubber-stamped

JORDAN DAY

COUNCIL tax is being frozen in East Cambridgeshire for the first time in three years.

The district council's budget for 2014/15 was rubber-stamped last week and was described by James Palmer, leader of the authority, as the "most robust" it has been for some time.

At the full council meeting on Thursday, members heard the council currently has around £1.8 million in reserves – compared to "just over" £1 million four years ago.

As a result, for the first time since 2011, council tax is being frozen, meaning residents will not have to fork out more.

Speaking at the meeting, Cllr Palmer said: "The budget for 2014/15 is a budget that I am very proud of and one that everyone, including our residents, should be proud of.

"It is the most robust it has been for quite a long time and we should all be pleased that no borrowing will be required.

"I am worried when I look to the future but I am confident that this robust budget will see us through, although we really mustn't bury our heads in the sand."

In 2012/13, council tax in the district increased by three per cent and last year it went up by two per cent.

Despite refusing the Government's offer of a Council Tax Freeze Grant in 2012, the authority has this time decided to accept it.

The council says the success of its "ongoing medium-term financial strategy" has continued to deliver savings and allowed it to build its reserves to a "sustainable level".

Liberal Democrat leader Cllr Gareth Wilson thanked Linda Grinnell, the council's head of finance, and her team for what he described as an "impressive budget".

But he proposed a motion, seconded by Cllr Neil Morrison, that the council should transfer £567,229 in 2015/16 and £682,399 in 2016/17 from the 'New Homes Bonus' earmarked reserve to the 'Surplus Savings Reserve', which he insisted would help prevent such a high number of redundancies. The motion was lost by 18 votes against 15.

Cllr Palmer said: "While we are in a strong position now – we can and should not be complacent as we approach the challenges of the future.

"In the next few years, we will have to manage a budget which will become smaller – our task is to manage the money we have to best deliver the services our residents need. This won't be easy and we know there will be difficult decisions which we must make in the months ahead, but our aim is to ensure the council is fit for purpose and able to justify every penny we spend on behalf of our residents."

Choristers coming together for a concert to remember

HISTORY will be made when boy choristers from three of East Anglia's most significant cathedrals come together to sing as one choir.

A concert, called 'Mixing their Music', will see the choristers from Ely Cathedral's choir joined by choristers from Bury St Edmunds and Chelmsford cathedrals under Ely Cathedral's Octagon.

The concert is being held on Saturday, March 15 and the programme will include the pop-style Cantata, 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo', alongside other popular choral classics including Franck's Panis Angelicus.

It starts at 7pm and tickets are £15, or £7.50 for concessions. Call (01353) 660349.

Workshop for poets and writers of all abilities

POETS of all abilities are being invited to take part in a special workshop in Ely on Saturday.

Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADeC) and local poet Sue Burge are joining forces for the event called The Writer Within.

Christine Pike, from ADeC, said: "Writing poetry is a skill in its own right, but poetic technique can also help you to enhance your prose writing.

"We will look at various poetry writing techniques, in particular how the Japanese haiku form can help refine your observational skills." The workshop is being held at the Babylon Gallery, in Waterside, from 10am-4pm and costs £30. Call (01353) 616991.

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Ella

Congratulations on becoming a teenager on 9th March 2014.
Have a lovely day.
Lots of love Mum, Mike, Grandad & Carol x x x x x

Deaths

JOHNSON
Audrey

of Sutton, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, 2nd March, 2014, aged 80 years. Dearly loved wife of the late Ted, loving mother of Kevin, Graham and the late Sandra, a much loved mother-in-law and grandmother. Funeral service at Fenland Crematorium, March, on Friday, 14th March, 1.30pm. Flowers if desired or donations if preferred, for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity will be gratefully received at the service or c/o A. G. Carter Funeral Director, 6 Froize End, Haddenham, Cambs, CB6 3UQ

JUPP
Ben

of Ely, sadly passed away at Addenbrooke's Hospital, on Tuesday, 25th February, 2014, aged 72 years, after a long illness, bravely borne. A very dear husband to Pauline and loving father to Caroline, Christopher and Celia, and much loved grandad to Alex and Laura, also a loving brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Everyone he met was touched by his personal warmth, humanity, integrity and concern for others. An inspiration to all. Thanksgiving Service to be held at 2.30pm, on Monday, 10th March, 2014, at Ely Cathedral. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to PSP Association, Amnesty International, Ely Cathedral. Donations may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 30 Forehill, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4AF. Tel: 01353 880555. Dress code, a splash of colour please.

Family Announcements

Deaths

LAYN
Dorothy

of Littleport passed away suddenly at her home on Tuesday, 25th February, 2014, aged 78 years. Loving wife of Keith, and a loved and sadly missed mother, nanna and great-nanna. Funeral service at Trinity Church, Burwell on Thursday, 6th March, 2014, at 12.00noon, followed by committal at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, at 3.00pm. Flowers or donations for The Dogs Trust or Teenage Cancer Trust may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW

NORTON
Bill

of Ely passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, 28th February, 2014, aged 83 years. Beloved husband of Eileen, much loved father of Stephen and Andrew and grandfather of Redd. Funeral service at Ely Cathedral on Wednesday, 12th March, 2014, at 12.30pm followed by committal at Fenland Crematorium, March, at 3.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations for Ely Cathedral Choir may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW

SEAMAN
John

JOHN SEAMAN MBE

A Thanksgiving Service is to be held on Friday, 4th April, 2014, at The Lady Chapel, Ely Cathedral, at 2.00pm. Please join family and friends to celebrate the life of a much loved local figure.

Family Announcements

Family Announcements

Deaths

TAYLOR
Olive

Of Ely, passed away peacefully, at Princess of Wales Hospital, on Wednesday, 19th February, 2014, aged 77 years. Loving mum of Mark, dear nan to Jack and Zoe and sister to Pauline, Gordon and the late Keith, sadly missed by her family and friends. Funeral service at Mintlyn Crematorium, King's Lynn on Monday, 10th March, 2014, at 12.00noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research UK may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW.

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STILL GOING STRONG: The Ely Tuesday Group celebrated the landmark

25th anniversary of Tuesday Group

A GROUP which brings women from across the Ely area together is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The Ely Tuesday Group was formed in February 1989 and sees ladies meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at The Old Dispensary, in St Mary's Street, for a coffee, chat and a talk by a guest speaker.

Local historian Mike Petty hosted a talk entitled Looking Down on the Fens at the club's last talk, which saw members marking the major milestone.

A celebratory meal will be held at The Almonry in Ely in March once the restaurant's new kitchen is open. New members are always welcome. Call Gwen Fletcher on (01353) 663324.

Fury as cobbles are replaced – with cobbles

JORDAN DAY

A ROW has erupted after "treacherous" cobbles in Ely were dug up – and replaced with new ones.

Cyclists have been calling for the cobbled sections of road in The Gallery – running from Minster Place and past the cathedral down to Back Hill – to be removed for some time.

They say the cobbles are dangerous as they are difficult to navigate and that they are damaging both bicycle and vehicle tyres.

After years of complaints, Cambridgeshire County Council agreed to investigate how the route could be made safer, including what other road surfaces could be used.

But now the council has dug the cobbles up and replaced them with more cobbles – sparking outrage among the city's cycling community.

Former city councillor and Ely Cycling Campaign member, Christine Jones, said: "Just for once, I would like to think that we pay towards local infrastructure that serves the people of Ely.

"This work was subject to several years of meetings, consultations, planning and discussion. The whole point was to make the humps less treacherous for bikes.

"The cobbles were the very issue that got the cycle campaign started – it has been a source of discomfort, cost and peril to many cyclists. Just close The Gallery and pave the whole thing properly, for people, not for cars."

Ely resident Andy Banks said: "This is an absolute shambles. I would laugh at the incompetence but as I use that piece of road every day to get to work I don't find it remotely funny.

"What is it going to take for the council to understand how important this route and the continuing journey on to the rail station is? A serious injury? A death?"

A county council spokesman said: "Unfortunately we have been unable to find a suitable alternative material within the timescale or budget for the repair work and so we have refurbished the speed cushion using the existing materials.

"Because of the sensitive nature of the location within the conversation area and the fact that the materials used were agreed as part of the original improvements to the street scape in Ely, our options for using alternative materials were severely limited."

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Kitchen showroom

ELY'S former Blockbuster store is being turned into a kitchen showroom.

The premises, in High Street, will be re-opening as a Dream Doors showroom in April.

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Two injured in crash

A MAN in his 60s had to be cut free from his car when it was involved in a collision in Witchford.

Emergency services were called to the two-vehicle collision in Grunty Fen Road at around 7.15am on Monday.

There were two casualties, one of whom was a man, aged in his 60s, who had to be cut free from his vehicle by firefighters.

According to Cambridgeshire Police, both patients were left in the care of the ambulance service and their injuries were not believed to be life threatening.

The road was closed in both directions between Broad Baulk and Main Street.

Warning after more benefit cheats snared

TWO more benefit cheats in the Ely area have been snared – sparking a warning to other culprits and anyone considering trying to claim more than they are entitled to.

JORDAN DAY

Nina Read, 26, pleaded guilty to two charges of failing to notify East Cambridgeshire District Council and the Department of Work and Pensions of a change in her circumstances.

She claimed a total of £8,301 in housing and council benefit and income support to which she was not entitled.

Read, of Goldsmith Court, Ely, was given a 12-month conditional discharge, ordered to pay £550 court costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Brenda Maul, 65, also pleaded guilty to failing to notify the council of changes in her circumstances which meant she claimed more than £2,500 of council tax benefit to which she wasn't entitled between May 2009 and July 2013.

Maul, of The Barns, Littleport, was fined £766 and told to pay a £15 victim surcharge and court costs of £550.

It comes just a week after Tina Bissett, of Longfield Road, Littleport, pleaded guilty to falsely claiming £39,524 in income support and £17,972 in council tax and housing benefits.

As reported last week, Bissett, 47, was sentenced to a 12-month jail sentence, suspended for two years.

Linda Grinnell, head of finance at the district council, said: "Benefit fraud is not a victimless crime – it is the taxpayer who has to pay for those who try to cheat the system.

"We would also remind people to let us know about changes in their circumstances as soon as their situation changes so they don't get into difficulties. There is a team of officers who work to track down anyone who is trying to defraud you and the council."

If you suspect someone is abusing the system, call the National Benefit Fraud Hotline on 0800 328 6340 or to discuss suspected fraud with a benefits investigator, call (01842) 756516.

LOCKS GOOD: Harry Taylor, left, and Jack Howlett, both from Soham, pictured after their head shave, which was carried out by Kerry Hinds

Head-shave in memory of Liam

TWO teenagers have raised hundreds of pounds for the Liam Fairhurst Foundation by losing their locks on the day Liam would have celebrated his 19th birthday.

Harry Taylor and Jack Howlett, both aged 14 and students at Soham Village College (SVC), did a sponsored head-shave last week.

Liam, a former SVC student, raised £340,000 for children's charities from when he was diagnosed aged 10 with soft tissue cancer up until his death four years later in 2009, and the foundation was set up by his family to help other young people battling illness. To sponsor Harry and Jack, visit *www.justgiving.com/HairShaveJackHarry.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Learn more about Michaelangelo

THE Ely Decorative and Fine Arts Society is holding a special study day next week.

Shirley Smith, a lecturer at the University of East Anglia, is hosting the event at Ely Methodist Church, in Chapel Street, on Wednesday, March 12.

Running from 10.15am-2.45pm, the focus will be on Michaelangelo as 2014 is the 450th anniversary of his death.

The cost is £26 and places need to be booked in advance by calling (01223) 835773.

Your chance to help save lives

A BLOOD donor session is being held in Littleport tomorrow.

People can donate their red stuff at the village leisure centre from 1-3.15pm and 4.30pm-7pm.

A session is also being held at The Maltings in Ely on Monday, March 17, between the same times. Call 0300 123 2323 or visit *www.blood.co.uk*.

Talking about all things nature

'HUNTINGDON Habitats and Forestry Habitats' is the title of a talk being held in Welney on Tuesday, March 11.

Jason Peters is hosting the Friends of Welney talk at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome. Call (01353) 860711.

Purrr-fect day out at village hall

REMEMBER Ely and District Cats Protection is holding its annual cat show on Saturday.

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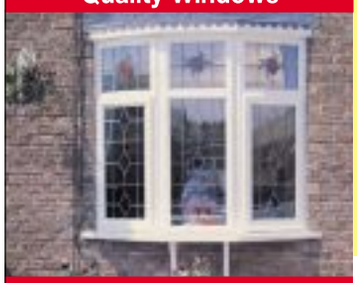
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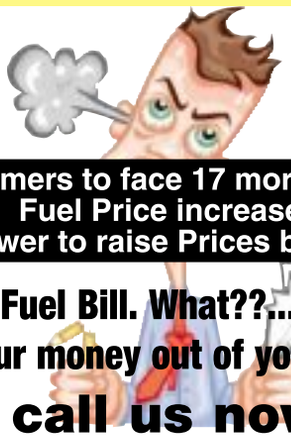
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REMARKABLE: Flo Read, from Sutton, celebrates her 101st birthday

Much-loved Flo turns 101

A GREAT-grandmother who has lived in the village of Sutton for more than seven decades has turned 101.

Mother-of-six Flo Read celebrated her 101st birthday on February 24.

Mrs Read, who has 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, has lived in Sutton since 1936 and still lives in the village with her daughter, Wendy Ramsell.

She was married to the late Lesley, a successful farmer who died in 2001, aged 90.

Nina Jellicoe, one of her daughters, who lives in Witchford, said: "Mum is remarkable for her age and we celebrated her 101st birthday with a small family tea party.

"She played golf up until she was about 86 and was a former ladies' captain of both Ely's and St Ives' golf clubs."

Cab and Go pilot proves a success

A NEW mobile phone app aimed at making rail passengers' journeys more convenient is being rolled out across the UK following a successful pilot phase in Ely.

JORDAN DAY

Train operator Abellio Greater Anglia piloted a new service called 'Cab & Go' at six railway stations, including Ely, earlier this year.

The service, available via a smartphone app or the internet, allows passengers to book a taxi to or from the station, without the need to have the contact details for local taxi firms to hand.

The operator said the free app and website would provide a fast, simple way of arranging transport, offering convenience and the confidence that onward travel is ready and waiting.

And thanks to positive feedback from users, the service was being rolled out to 42 more railway stations as of Monday.

Abellio Greater Anglia's commercial director, Andrew Camp, said: "The new service is a further step in making rail travel even more convenient for our customers. It will be a useful tool that will provide extra confidence, and more options, for those travelling on business or visiting unfamiliar areas.

"Passengers can quickly and easily use the app from wherever they are to organise a cab to take them to or from the station with no hassle."

As an introductory offer, the firm will give £5 off first-time bookings, in the form of a refund once the customer completes a feedback survey.

The new service is delivered in partnership with Cabline UK Ltd and T Dispatch Ltd. For information or to download the app, visit *www.abelliogreateranglia.co.uk/cabandgo* or *www.cabandgo.com*.

Food writer Diana Henry in town

AWARD-winning food writer Diana Henry is coming to Ely.

Diana, who writes for *The Sunday Telegraph* and has a column in the newspaper's magazine, *Stella*, will be talking about her new book, *A Change of Appetite*, at St Mary's Church, in St Mary's Street, on Thursday, March 13.

The talk, organised by Ely's Toppings and Company Booksellers, starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £15, which includes a supper. Call (01353) 645005 or visit Toppings in High Street.

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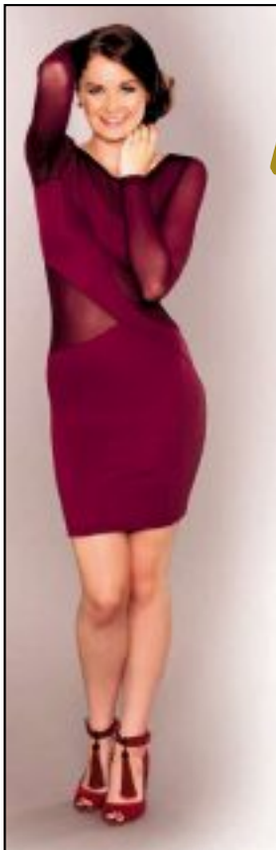

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Make your own willow sculpture

GET creative with willow at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust in Welney.

Local artist Jane Frost is hosting a workshop at the reserve on Saturday where people will be able to make their own willow garden structures.

It's running from 10am-4pm and the cost is £35 each. Call 07967 088348.

Flower club's meeting is tonight

THE City of Ely Flower Club's next demonstration is being held tonight.

Anne Marie Kendrick is hosting the demonstration, entitled 'Diversity', at Ely College at 7pm.

Call (01353) 610436.

Take a step back in time at talk

LORNA Delanoy is guest speaker at tomorrow's Fenland History on Friday talk in Ely.

The talk, entitled 'Changes in a Fen village over the last century', is being held at the library from 10.30am-noon. Call (01353) 648106.

Try out ballroom dancing at club

A BALLROOM and sequence dance is being held in Prickwillow on Saturday.

Mark Spafford is hosting the dance at the Hiam Sports and Social Club, in Putney Hill Road. Call (01353) 688269.

Night of music at Ely City FC

'JACEN Bruce and The Memphis' and 'The Johnny Cash Story' are performing at Ely City Football Club on Saturday.

The event is running from 8pm-midnight and tickets are £8 in advance by calling 07971 185904 or £10 on the door.

HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT: Busy Fingers Pre-school is taking part in the TerraCycle scheme

Your chance to help pre-school

A VILLAGE pre-school is helping to turn trash into cash in an exciting new environmental scheme.

Busy Fingers Pre-school in Main Street, Little Downham, is taking part in the TerraCycle initiative.

A collection box has been placed outside the pre-school in which local residents can drop off any brand of baby food pouches and baby wipe packaging – all materials which would usually end up in landfill.

All collected items will be sent to recycling experts TerraCycle and two TerraCycle points are earned for the weight of each unit of waste recycled.

Each point can be redeemed for a penny contribution to a school, charity or non-profit organisation.

The money raised by Busy Fingers will go towards replacing existing grass at the pre-school with artificial turf, so youngsters will be able to play outside throughout the year.

To help them raise as much as possible, simply put your items in their collection box. To take part in the scheme, visit *www.terracycle.co.uk*.

Man caught with drugs

ADAM LUKE

A DRUG dealer claimed he was only selling to friends after being caught with £767 of cannabis, scales and debt books.

Dean Cole, of Drury Lane, Wicken, was also in a possession of a can of CS gas spray on the evening of November 22 when his car was stopped by police on the A1123 in Stretham.

Sara Walker, prosecuting, said: "Police officers suspected he was speeding in his van so they pulled him over.

"Officers said they could smell cannabis and searched the vehicle. Cannabis was found, as well as sets of scales and a CS gas canister.

"He was arrested and a search was carried out at his home address where other drug paraphernalia was recovered."

In interview, the defendant told police he was a long-term user of recreational drugs and had only recently bought the cannabis with the aim of selling it on to friends and helping him to pay off debts.

Philip Farr, mitigating, said his 33-year-old client – who pleaded guilty to possessing an offensive weapon and a class B drug with intent to supply – bought the CS gas from a Sunday market, but never planned to use it and it wasn't linked to the drugs.

Cole was handed nine months in prison suspended for 18 months, and must complete 100 hours of unpaid work and pay £200 court costs.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden, Haverhill, Royston & Newmarket areas and Tim is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. *'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'*

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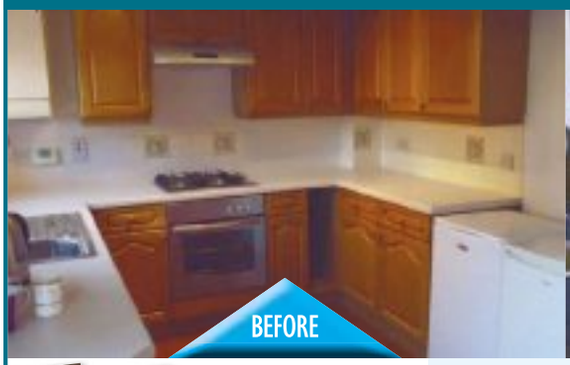

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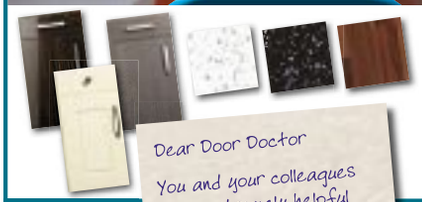

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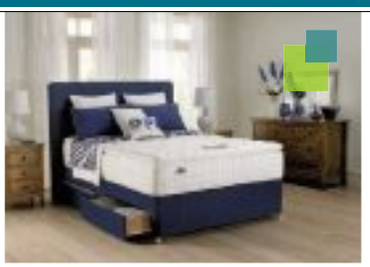

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Fire service calls on smokers to be vigilant

SMOKERS are being urged to extinguish their cigarettes properly following three house fires in Cambridgeshire in less than a week.

Fire officers are sending out stark safety warnings following the three fires which took place in Huntingdonshire and Fenland between February 18 and February 24.

Group Commander Chris Parker, head of community safety at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Fires in the home like these, started by the careless actions of smokers, can be easily avoided.

"Luckily, no one involved in these incidents has been hospitalised, however, the story could have ended very differently as a fire started by a cigarette can tear through a home within minutes."

Between April 1, 2013, and February 24, 2014, there have been 26 accidental fires in the home in Cambridgeshire caused by smoking – these have resulted in two fire deaths, and six casualties either being taken to hospital or checked by paramedics.

Chris said: "Never leave a lit cigarette unattended is the golden rule."

Future looking bright for gardening project

JORDAN DAY

VOLUNTEERS from a charity project which supports elderly and vulnerable residents in East Cambridgeshire are celebrating.

The future of Helping Hands, a project run in the Ely area by Voluntary and Community Action East Cambs (VCAEC), has been hanging in the balance for some time due to a lack of available funding.

In November, the scheme, which sees volunteers helping elderly and vulnerable people to stay in their own homes by doing gardening and odd-jobs, was awarded £3,000 from the Lloyds Bank Community Fund.

Grenville Hawkes, manager at VCAEC, said the grant would ensure Helping Hands would be able to keep operating until the spring.

But now the project has been lucky enough to secure three separate pots of funding totalling more than £20,000.

It has received £10,000 from the Ely Community Unit Trust and £10,000 from social housing provider, Sanctuary Group. The Prince of Wales' Charitable Foundation has also awarded the project a grant of £1,500.

Mr Hawkes said: "We're all over the moon, to say the least. This fantastic amount of funding now means we are in a much better position to continue to provide gardening support for individuals in need in East Cambridgeshire.

"The funding has also enabled us to set up a regular garden maintenance scheme, which will really help those people who are in need.

"As is the case with a lot of charitable projects, the future of Helping Hands has not looked good for some time so we really are so pleased."

For more information about the project, call (01353) 666556.

OVER THE MOON: The funding means the future for Helping Hands is the brightest it's been for some time

Six-hours of stories to raise funds for MENCAP

A MAMMOTH six-hour storytelling session is being held in Ely to raise money for charity.

Annabel Reddick and Susan Harrison, from Burrows Bookshop, in High Street Passage, are warming up their vocal chords for the event on Saturday, March 15.

Children and their parents are invited to pop in to the shop any time between 10am and 4pm, and hear a range of stories for a minimum donation of £1 per child.

All funds raised will be donated to MENCAP, a charity which supports children and adults with learning difficulties.

Annabel said: "Our Saturday storytime sessions are always popular but we thought that this time we'd help raise money for MENCAP, a charity close to our hearts.

"Six hours' constant storytelling will certainly be a challenge but we hope that people will come along and support us to help us boost funds for this very worthwhile charity."

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Ocean creatures subject of talk

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Frances Dipper will be hosting the talk at the village's Arkenstall Centre, in Station Road, on Tuesday, March 11. It starts at 8pm and non-members are welcome.

Join ramblers on circular stroll

ENJOY a stroll around Grantchester on Saturday.

The East Cambridgeshire Ramblers Group will be completing a five-mile circular route around the village, starting outside the Orchard Tea Rooms at 10am. All are welcome. Call Gill on (01353) 666756.

Monthly auction is this Saturday

ANTIQUES and silverware will be among items going under the hammer in Ely on Saturday.

Rowley's, in Downham Road, is holding its monthly auction. The sale starts at 10am and viewing takes place from 9am-7pm on the Friday. Call (01353) 653020.

Irish star Kenny Paul is in town

LEGENDARY Irish signer Kenny Paul is coming to Soham next week.

The country music star will be performing at The Brook, in Brook Street, on Friday, March 14 at 9pm.

Tickets, priced at £12.50 for the concert or £24.50 for the concert and a meal, are available by calling (01353) 721748.

Bingo boost for air ambulance

THE East Anglian Air Ambulance is around £300 better off thanks to a bingo night held at Stretham Primary School on February 22.

GREAT OUTDOORS: Orienteering and bird house building were among the activities enjoyed by pupils

King's pupils take learning outdoors

PUPILS donned their winter warmers for an action-packed day of outdoor activities.

Normal lessons at King's Ely Junior were suspended for one day for the school's first ever Big Outdoor Day.

The adrenaline-fuelled event started with an inspiring talk from explorer Jamie Buchanan Dunlop, then the children split into their year groups to take part in activities such as orienteering, building an outdoor classroom with willow branches, bird house building and songs around the campfire, complete with hot chocolate breaks to warm up.

Head of King's Ely Junior, Richard Whymark, said: "It was wonderful to see the children in their cagoules and wellies so that they could enjoy the many activities we had planned for them. The buzz around the school left us with a sense that something very special had taken place, and the inspired range of new opportunities delivered a tangible injection of energy and inspiration."

Joy at broadband boost

JORDAN DAY

NEWS that more homes in Cambridgeshire are set to receive superfast broadband has been welcomed by MP Sir Jim Paice.

The Government has announced it is allocating £250 million to local authorities across the UK to enable them to extend broadband coverage.

The overall aim is that by 2017 95 per cent of UK homes and businesses will boast superfast broadband.

The package will see Connecting Cambridgeshire receiving an extra £910,000 to help further roll out broadband across the county.

Sir Jim, MP for South East Cambridgeshire, said: "Superfast internet access is just as important in rural areas as in towns and cities, helping businesses to thrive and individuals to benefit from online services and information.

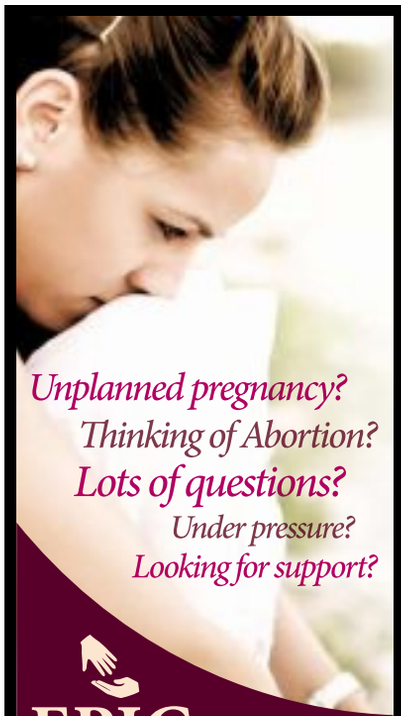
"That is why this latest investment in rural communities is vital to install the infrastructure needed to give fast, reliable services across South East Cambridgeshire."

A new £10 million fund will open on March 17 to fund pilot schemes using alternative broadband technologies in Britain's most rural areas in a bid to extend superfast coverage to all homes and businesses.

Cllr Ian Bates, Cambridgeshire County Council's cabinet member for growth and planning with responsibility for the Connecting Cambridgeshire programme, said: "We welcome the Government's focus on extending superfast broadband coverage, which recognises that high-speed internet access is an essential utility alongside electricity and water.

"Connecting Cambridgeshire has ambitious targets to improve the digital infrastructure for homes and businesses across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and we are on track to achieve them.

"Superfast fibre broadband is already being rolled out to over 90,000 premises, which will make Cambridgeshire one of the best connected counties in the country by the end of 2015."



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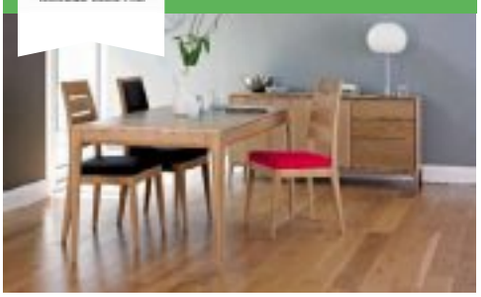

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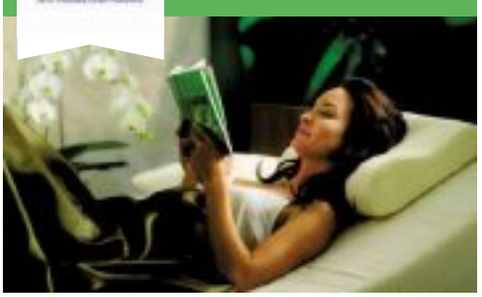

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April Showers?

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We've all heard of April showers, but with the flood of payroll changes coming to employers from the government, it seems more like a Monsoon. The implementation of HMRC's new RTI legislation seems to have opened the door to all sorts of changes, most of which will see employers reaching deeper into their pockets.

From auto-enrolment for pensions, to the abolition of the SSP Percentage Threshold Scheme (meaning employers can no longer reclaim SSP costs from HMRC) and a reduction in the reporting relaxations for small employers, many employers will feel the strain.

Employers should also be aware of the change in year-end deadline, with final RTI returns due to HMRC by 17 April this year (over a month earlier than form P35 in previous years).

There is some good news though. HMRC have announced a delay in their new RTI penalty regime, with late-filing penalties now scheduled to go live in October 2014, giving employers another 6 months to prepare and there is also a £2,000 employment allowance available to employers, to reduce their NI costs.

Just keeping up with all these changes has become a full time job for employers, not to mention the administrative burden which will be laid on employers with the implementation of pensions auto-enrolment. There's never been a better time to consider outsourcing your payroll, so that you can concentrate on your business.

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Cathedral's Question Time

AROUND 150 people attended a Question Time hosted by the Ely Cathedral Business Group.

The event was held in the cathedral's Lady Chapel last Thursday and saw a wide variety of questions on matters of local and national interest put to a panel of local opinion leaders.

The Question Time was chaired 'Dimbleby style' by Michael Watson, COO of Circle Heath Partnership, the operators of Hinchingbooke Hospital.

The panellists were the Bishop of Ely, the Rt Rev Stephen Conway, Warren East CBE, former CEO of ARM Holdings PLC, Lucy Frazer QC, Conservative parliamentary candidate for South East Cambridgeshire, Michael Goode, graduate management trainee at G's Fresh, and Juliet Snell, director of Centre 33.

The business group said around 150 people attended the event and that it was a "huge success".

For information about the group, including upcoming events, visit www.elycathedralbusinessgroup.org.

QUESTION TIME: The panellists at the Ely Cathedral Business Group's event

Another deli on its way

JORDAN DAY

ANOTHER delicatessen is coming to Ely.

The owners of Carrington's, based in The Cloisters, have announced they are opening a 'Village Deli' on the cafe's first floor.

It comes just a week after *Ely News* reported that a new delicatessen is opening in Ely's Market Square.

Tracy Allgood, who has lived in the city for almost 20 years, is launching the business, called 'Allgoods of Ely', in the former Ely Auction Rooms premises and hopes to open its doors at the end of March.

Tony Wuidart, owner of Carrington's, which has been trading for more than 30 years, is joining forces with award-winning chef, Darrell Haylett, who runs a successful deli in Spaldwick, Huntingdonshire, to run the new venture.

Mr Wuidart said: "We couldn't believe it when we heard another delicatessen is going to be opening around the corner from us.

"It's purely coincidental and we're positive that competition is a good thing - people like choice and we believe Ely is desperate for more deli and craft-type shops.

"We will be offering many products that people cannot buy in supermarkets and the prices will be sensible.

"We hope to open in the first week of April and can't wait to welcome people along.

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Making a good impression

Pygmalion, Cambridge Arts Theatre, Wednesday, until Saturday, March 8 at 7.45pm. Tickets £15-£35 from (01223) 503333 / *cambridgeartstheatre.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk*

As George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* celebrates its 100th anniversary with a run at Cambridge Arts Theatre, ELLA WALKER quizzes the star impressionist

ALISTAIR McGowan likes clocks.

He bought his second, a very nice one apparently, in Cambridge when he was 24. "I've just always found them very beautiful things," he explains simply.

It's not quite what you expect from the bushy-browed 49-year-old, and BAFTA award-winning star of *The Big Impression*, but then, if you think about it, he's rather like a clock himself. Except, instead of time he tells stories, and instead of tick-tocks, his inner mechanical cogs whir along knocking out ridiculously brilliant impressions; just remember his David Beckham.

But impressions and clocks are not why he's returning to Cambridge this month. McGowan is reprising his role as the great Professor Henry Higgins in the Theatre Royal Bath's 100th anniversary tour of George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*. A witty exploration of class and gender, it's the basis of *My Fair Lady* (don't say you don't know it), and follows the phonetics-obsessed professor as he tries to get cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle (Rachel Barry with the unenviable task of trying to step out of the shadow of Audrey Hepburn), to pass for a duchess at a very fancy party. The question is, will she assert her own independence or simper along with the challenge?

McGowan first played Higgins in the West End two-and-a-half years ago, stepping in last minute for a too-busy Rupert Everett, and the producers rather liked him. He didn't need much persuading to get into coat tails either: "I'd always been fascinated by accents and how people spoke, even at that age," McGowan buzzes, describing the impact seeing *My Fair Lady* had on him as a child. "I actually didn't think about playing the part, I just thought I would like to be Henry Higgins in real life. I'd like to be able to study people's accents and I would love to be able to, as he says himself, place any man within six miles."

Graduating from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, he only went and did it, breaking out thanks to ITV's satirical puppet show *Spitting Image* and then teaming up with fellow impressionist Ronni Ancona. It all rather kicked off. . . He's dedicated his career to decoding and reproducing other people's voices, he really is a modern day Higgins, on and off stage.

Alistair McGowan is basically a lovely, incredibly generous, likeable chap.

Take the fact he happily plunges straight into his latest impersonation ("My favourite is always my newest one,") without being pushed; suddenly I find myself interviewing Raymond Blanc: "Oh la la!" He actually tried it out on Blanc himself at Christmas: "I couldn't work out for the rest of the evening whether he'd liked it or not!"

Slithering out of character, McGowan explains: "When you get a new person it's like a toy really. You can't stop playing with it for a little while, and then a new one comes along. . ."

The one person he really can't get the knack of is David Cameron. Rory Bremner will be relieved.

"It is nice to at least be able to do your country's leader for whatever purposes and I just can't get anywhere near him so I don't bother," he says ruefully. "But I do [as Boris] do a very good Boris Johnson instead, so if I need to say something about government or right-wing policies, I use Boris as that mouthpiece, he's much more fun! Much more interesting! In every sense."

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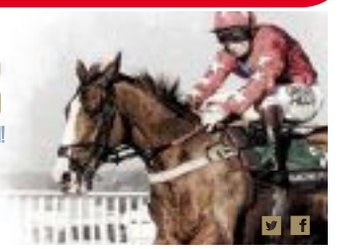

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WHEN director Wes Anderson is good, he's very good. And even when he's occasionally off-key, the Texan writer-director still puts other film-makers in the shade.

For *The Grand Budapest Hotel* he is in sparkling form. It's a tour-de-force of invention and creativity that leaves no narrative stone unturned in its quest for laughs and heartfelt emotion as it traces the history of the titular establishment from 1932 to the present day through the eyes of two lovers who become embroiled in a madcap crime caper involving a stolen painting.

Anderson marshals an incredible cast including regular collaborators Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman and Bill Murray, and teases out an uproarious and energetic performance from Ralph Fiennes as the suave protagonist at the centre of the mystery.

A neat framing device introduces Zero Moustafa (Tony Tevolori), who secures a coveted position as lobby boy at one of eastern Europe's celebrated establishments, the Grand Budapest Hotel in the Republic of Zubrowka.

Zero works under legendary concierge Gustave H (Fiennes). Clients, especially older women, are putty in Gustave's well-manicured hands and he lavishes them with affection, including ageing matriarch Madame D (Tilda Swinton).

When she perishes in suspicious circumstances and leaves a priceless Renaissance painting to Gustave in her will, grief-stricken relatives including Madame's greedy son Dmitri (Adrien Brody) plot the concierge's downfall.

The finger of suspicion for Madame D's demise points at Gustave and he goes on the run, hotly pursued by wily police chief Henckels (Edward Norton) and Dmitri's sadistic henchman (Willem Dafoe).

The Grand Budapest Hotel offers audiences a luxurious five-star stay inside Anderson's vision. Every frame is beautifully crafted, set to a jaunty score by composer Alexandre Desplat.

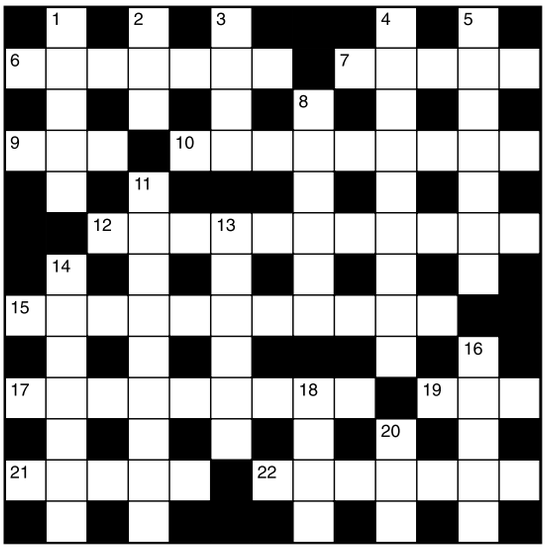
puzzles

crossword

ACROSS
6. Go on - escape! (3,4)
7. Jeer from stupid person (5)
9. Observe 20 present (3)
10. Allaying suspicions when removing weapons? (9)
12. Public body showing evidence of over-eating (11)
15. Impish behaviour in the theatre? (11)
17. Whatever may happen during whatever trial (2,3,4)
19 & 20Dn. Fitting sort of puzzle (6)
21. Begin to wince (5)
22. Copes as the male gets older (7)

DOWN
1. Revolt of bighead in dance (5)
2. Inexperienced climber fighting (3)
3. Herbalist's holiday island (4)
4. Most dig at disturbed person expressing opinions arrogantly (9)
5. Leave a group playing (7)
8. Producing nothing again in farm building (6)
11. Having several husbands on play production - dull! (9)
13. Use fists about a middle-age spread? (6)
14. Set out on scheme to show heavenly bodies (7)
16. Sacked if up to Communist (5)
18. Friends' turn to hit (4)
20. Capital after 2 (3)

Last week's answers: Across: 7 Oceanographer; 8 Hustlers; 9 Dame; 10 Send-up; 12 Duress; 14 Strata; 16 Shadow; 18 Bolt; 20 Turncoat; 22 Rule Britannia. Down: 1 Schubert; 2 Wanted; 3 Tome; 4 Crusades; 5 Spider; 6 Term; 11 Plasters; 13 Sporadic; 15 Anthem; 17 Accent; 19 Opus; 21 Ruth.



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Last week's answer:

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

The clues

3752 gives a fish
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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Mary Berry Cooks. 12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15 Bargain Hunt. 2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union.** Ireland v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.25 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather. **4.40 Live Six Nations Rugby Union.** Scotland v France (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.00 The Voice UK. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes host the final battle show, by the end of which Kylie Minogue, Tom Jones, Ricky Wilson and Will.i.am will be one step closer to choosing their acts.

9.10 The National Lottery Live.

9.20 Casualty. Iain tries to assist a distressed ex-Army friend, whose paranoia over his wife is at breaking point, while new nurse Lofty's keen eye helps save a young man.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.05am Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.30am Sport Relief's Top Dog. 9.00 Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships. **11.45 Escape to the Country. 12.15pm Talking Pictures. 1.00 FILM: The Trouble with Harry (1955).** Black comedy, starring Edmund Gwenn. **2.35 FILM: The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956).** Alfred Hitchcock's thriller remake, with James Stewart and Doris Day. **4.30 Final Score. 5.10 Live Athletics.** The World Indoor Championships.

8.15 Dad's Army. Mainwaring is determined that all his men should have battle-worthy feet, so he starts a regimen involving lengthy route marches.

8.45 The Perfect Morecambe & Wise. Eric annoys Ernie by eating crisps in bed.

9.15 37 Days. The continental powers are pushed to the brink of war, and Sir Edward Grey seems unsure as to whether Britain should keep out of the impending conflict. Last in the series.

10.15 Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle. Stand-up.

10.45 QI XL. With Cal Wilson, Jack Whitehall and Jimmy Carr.

11.30 FILM: Milk (2008). Biopic of US politician Harvey Milk, starring Sean Penn.

1.30am FILM: Nemesis (1992). Sci-fi thriller, starring Oliver Gruner. **3.00 This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Dinner Date. 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. 11.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **11.30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. 12.00pm Live FA Cup Football.** Arsenal v Everton (Kick-off 12.45pm). **3.00 The Illusionists. 4.05 The Chase. 5.05 Off Their Rockers. 5.35 ITV News Anglia;** Weather. **5.45 ITV News and Weather.**

6.00 You've Been Framed! Strikes Back!

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The Geordie duo play an undercover prank on David Dickinson, go head to head in another round of Ant v Dec and join dance troupe the Mazeppa Cossacks.

8.20 The Cube. A teacher and a pizza delivery man tackle a series of tough challenges, from agility tests to skills trials, aiming to win a jackpot of £250,000.

9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Jennifer Hudson, Sue Perkins and Elbow. Last in the series.

10.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather.

10.35 FA Cup Highlights. Action from the sixth round.

11.25 All You Can Eat. Restaurant challenges and eating contests.

12.20am Jackpot247. 3.00 In Plain Sight. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

9.00am Live Paralympic Winter Games. Further coverage of the opening day of events in Russia. **11.30 The Morning Line. 12.30pm Deal or No Deal. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Sandown Park and Wolverhampton. **4.10 Come Dine with Me.**

6.10 Channel 4 News.

6.30 Paralympic Winter Games Highlights.

7.00 Crufts 2014. Clare Balding presents highlights from day three of the annual dog show held at the NEC in Birmingham, featuring coverage of the utility and toy group judging events.

9.00 Hostages. Duncan is ordered to tie up loose ends as investigators get nearer to uncovering the conspiracy, and the FBI agent takes the next step in his master plan by giving Ellen the poison.

10.00 FILM: X-Men: The Last Stand (2006). The mutant heroes battle old ally Jean Grey, returned from the dead as the destructive and seemingly unstoppable Phoenix. Superhero sequel, starring Hugh Jackman.

12.00am FILM: Cloverfield (2008). Found-footage monster thriller, starring Michael Stahl-David. **1.35 Blackout. 2.55 Hollyoaks. 5.05 Trans World Sport.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.05 FILM: Zathura: A Space Adventure (2005). Family sci-fi adventure, starring Josh Hutcherson and Jonah Bobo. **12.00pm FILM: The Fifth Element (1997).** Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis. **2.25 FILM: Wimbledon (2004).** Romantic drama, starring Kirsten Dunst and Paul Bettany. **4.10 FILM: Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972).** Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **5.45 FILM: Columbo: Double Shock (1973).** Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Martin Landau.

7.00 NCIS. An explosion at a mausoleum exposes a number of freshly dismembered bodies, prompting the team to begin a multiple murder investigation. Abby has a personal problem to deal with.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 UFC Fight Night London: Live. Alexander Gustafsson v Jimi Manuwa. Coverage of the light heavyweight contest at the O2 in London, where rising British star Manuwa will be looking to record a surprise victory.

12.05am SuperCasino. 3.10 Benidorm ER. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Hana's Helpline.

37 Days, Saturday, BBC2, 9.15pm

Live Paralympic Winter Games, Saturday, Channel 4, 9am

Call the Midwife, Sunday, BBC1, 8pm

Dancing on Ice, Sunday, ITV, 7pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 7.40 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15pm Wanted Down Under. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. **1.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.45 Escape to the Country. 2.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union.** England v Wales (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.00 Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole. 5.30 Songs of Praise.**

6.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Blandings. Clarence grows a raggedy beard.

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison meets the scientists trying to bring endangered conifer species back to Perthshire. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Chummy discovers her mother has discharged herself from hospital. Last in the series.

9.00 The Musketeers. A young girl is killed after being hit by the royal carriage.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 FILM: Bruce Almighty (2003). Comedy, starring Jim Carrey and Morgan Freeman.

12.00am FILM: Forget Me Not (2010). Premiere. Romantic drama, with Tobias Menzies and Genevieve O'Reilly. **1.30 Weatherview. 1.35 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.15 FILM: Son of Kong (1933). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Robert Armstrong. **7.15 Monty Don's Italian Gardens. 8.15 Countryfile. 9.15 Gardeners' World. 9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.15 James Martin: Home Comforts. 12.00pm Michel Roux's Service. 2.00 Live Athletics.** The World Indoor Championships.

6.00 Flog It! Trade Secrets.

6.30 Mystery of the Moor.

7.00 Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom. A mission to catalogue the species in Burma's jungles.

8.00 Top Gear: Burma Special. Part one of two. The presenters drive lorries through the Southeast Asian country.

9.00 Fast and Fearless: Britain's Banger Racers. Part one of two. Documentary following drivers at the Arena Essex Raceway.

10.00 Mock the Week Looks Back at Travel.

10.35 Line of Duty. Denton implies that Dryden was embroiled in a wider conspiracy.

11.35 FILM: The Killing Fields (1984). Fact-based drama, starring Sam Waterston.

1.50am Sign Zone: Countryfile. 2.45 Sign Zone: Holby City. 3.45 Sign Zone: Silk. 4.45 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. 10.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. 11.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **11.30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. 12.30pm River Monsters. 1.30 Live FA Cup Football.** Hull City v Sunderland (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.20 FILM: Live and Let Die (1973).** Spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.

6.35 ITV News Anglia; Weather.

6.45 ITV News and Weather.

7.00 Dancing on Ice. A show full of surprises is promised as Beth, Hayley and Ray battle it out in the last-ever final. Last in the series.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. Harry deals with a raft of problems on his return from Berlin – not least the news of Henri's arrest – while Delphine provides the beleaguered staff with a much-needed morale boost.

10.00 ITV News at Ten and Weather; Weather.

10.15 Birds of a Feather. Tracey and Sharon worry about the future. Last in the series.

10.45 FA Cup Highlights. Today's matches in the sixth round.

11.45 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Northampton Saints v Saracens and Bath v Exeter Chiefs.

12.40am The Store. 2.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 4.10 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Live Paralympic Winter Games. Coverage of the second day of events in Sochi and Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. **11.00 Live Paralympic Winter Games.** Further coverage of the second day of events in Russia. **2.30pm The Big Bang Theory. 3.30 How I Met Your Mother. 4.00 The Simpsons. 5.00 Deal or No Deal.**

6.00 Channel 4 News.

6.30 Paralympic Winter Games Highlights. The day's action from Sochi.

7.00 Crufts 2014: Best in Show. Clare Balding presents highlights from the fourth and final day of Crufts. Last in the series.

9.00 FILM: One Day (2011). Premiere. The 20-year friendship between two university graduates is explored through the anniversaries of their first meeting. Romantic drama, with Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess.

11.05 FILM: Working Girl (1988). Comedy, starring Melanie Griffith.

1.15am The Good Wife. 2.00 One Born Every Minute. 2.55 Supernanny US. 3.35 Location, Location, Location. 4.30 River Cottage Bites. 4.50 Freesports on 4. 5.15 Arenacross. 5.45 Live Paralympic Winter Games. Coverage of the third day of events in Sochi and Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Super Samurai. 10.35 Power Rangers Megaforce. 11.00 Access. 11.05 Police Interceptors. 12.05pm Ice Road Truckers. 1.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! 2.00 The Hotel Inspector. 3.00 FILM: Forever Young (1992). Romantic sci-fi drama, with Mel Gibson and Jamie Lee Curtis. **5.05 5 News Weekend. 5.10 FILM: Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (2011).** Premiere. Comedy, with Martin Lawrence.

7.10 FILM: Hancock (2008). A PR executive decides to transform the image of a drunken superhero whose careless crime-fighting often does more harm than good. Comedy, starring Will Smith and Charlize Theron.

9.00 FILM: Blade: Trinity (2004). The vampire hunter and a team of ruthless human sidekicks face a showdown with Dracula himself. Action thriller sequel, starring Wesley Snipes and Jessica Biel.

11.00 FILM: Beowulf (2007). Fantasy, starring Ray Winstone.

1.10am SuperCasino. 3.05 The Lost Orphan: A Home for Mirela. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.20 Make It Big. 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Hana's Helpline.

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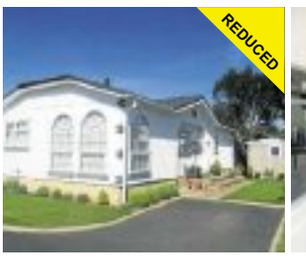

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LITTLEPORT £675 pcm*

End of terrace 3 bedroom house close to the railway station with rear garden and off road parking. EPC:E

LITTLEPORT £750 pcm*

3 bedroom semi detached house, newly decorated with gas heating, garage, garden & parking. EPC:C

HILGAY £795 pcm*

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A rather special and totally unique apartment occupying the top two floors of this impressive Grade II listed building, with views of Ely Cathedral.

2 double bedrooms, en suite shower room, study, superb living room, bathroom, kitchen, charming features and beautifully presented. EPC rating: C

£274,950

PYMOOR

A unique detached family home providing versatile six bedroom accommodation set within a generous 1/3 acre plot (STS).

6 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, study, cloakroom, utility, oil fired central heating, double glazing, driveway and gardens. EPC rating: D

£450,000

NEW

SOHAM

A beautifully presented three bedroom modern home well situated on this popular residential development.

3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, cloakroom, kitchen, off-road parking, double glazing and gas central heating. EPC rating: B

£184,950

NEW

ELY

A well proportioned three bedroom semi detached home providing comfortable family accommodation conveniently placed for access to Ely's main centre.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room and utility room. EPC rating: D

£225,000

NEW SOLD

SOHAM

A beautifully presented three bedroom end of terrace home with rear garden and private parking.

3 bedrooms, bedroom one with en suite, family bathroom, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, rear garden and two off-road parking spaces. EPC rating: C

£187,500

SUTTON

A detached four bedroom family home with excellent presentation and very high specification.

4 bedrooms, master bedroom with en suite, family bathroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, utility room, study, cloakroom, double garage, rear and side garden, parking. EPC rating: D

£289,950

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A truly stunning village home, beautifully restored and sympathetically extended, set within 1.4 acres (STS) with outstanding countryside views.

Stunning master bedroom, luxurious en suite bathroom, second bedroom with en suite, 2 further bedrooms, family bathroom, kitchen/family room, charming sitting room, dining room, home office, utility room, cloakroom and gravelled driveway. EPC rating: C

£675,000

NEW

WELNEY

A delightful period cottage providing spacious four bedroom accommodation situated in a lovely rural setting.

Superb master bedroom with en suite, 3 further bedrooms, family bathroom, sitting room, family room, snug, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, cloakroom, utility room and 1/4 acre plot (STS). EPC rating: D

£389,950

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WILBURTON

An impressive detached bungalow providing versatile three bedroom accommodation.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, dining room, double glazing, oil central heating and parking. EPC rating: D

£275,000

HADDENHAM

A detached four bedroom Chalet style family home, set on a generous plot, on the edge of this popular village.

4 bedrooms, en suite, lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, entrance and rear hallway and workshop/garage. EPC rating: G

£249,950

QUEEN ADELAIDE

An established three bedroom semi detached home conveniently situated for access to Ely.

3 bedrooms, family bathroom, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, double glazing, oil fired central heating and ample parking. EPC rating: D

£189,950

STRETHAM

A Victorian double fronted three bedroom semi detached property situated in this popular village.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, electric heating and courtyard garden. EPC rating: E

£219,950

LITTLEPORT

An attractive two bedroom terraced cottage occupying an established location within this popular village.

2 double bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen, utility room and a rear cottage garden. EPC rating: D

£125,000

LITTLEPORT

A modern two bedroom detached property situated in a cul-de-sac within the well served town of Littleport.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, living room, conservatory, kitchen, gas central heating and single garage. EPC rating: D

£145,000

LITTLEPORT

A comfortably proportioned detached four bedroom home providing accommodation ideal for family occupation.

4 bedrooms, 2 en suites, family bathroom, entrance hall, cloakroom, three reception rooms, utility room, gas central heating, double glazing and single garage. EPC rating: B

£269,950

SOHAM

An ideal opportunity to acquire this apartment in the town of Soham. The property has a tenant in place creating an ideal investment for any buy-to-let purchaser.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, open plan kitchen, lounge/dining room and allocated parking space. EPC rating: D

£125,000

PRICKWILLOW

A recently modernised three bedroom semi detached property backing onto farmland.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, cloakroom, oil fired central heating, driveway and rear garden. EPC rating: D

£154,950

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NEW

ELY

A two bedroom cottage overlooking the King's School grounds, is conveniently situated for the train station and the City Centre.

This neautrally decorated property comprises of a lounge with open fireplace. Kitchen with stainless steel cooker hob, electric oven, extractor unit and refrigerator. Utility cupboard with washing machine and tiled floor. Bathroom with white suite and electric shower over bath, Bedroom one with feature fireplace (decorative only), Bedroom two overlooking rear garden. Enclosed rear garden with patio and garden shed for external storage. Gas central heating and street parking. Unfurnished. EPC rating: E.

£650 PCM*

LET

LITTLEPORT

A first floor two bedroom flat situated in the well served village of Littleport.

The property offers a lounge, kitchen, double bedroom, single bedroom and bathroom with shower over bath. Electric heating. Two allocated parking spaces and enclosed rear communal garden. EPC rating: D.

£400 PCM*

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A well presented three bedroom semi-detached house in the village of Littleport providing easy access to the main line raillway station and A10.

This neutrally decorated property comprises of a lounge with bay window. Dining room with french doors providing access to the rear. Kitchen with built in gas hob/electric oven, plumbing for washing machine, space for fridge. Ground floor WC. Bedroom one with built in wardrobes and ensuite shower room. Two further bedrooms. Bathroom with shower over the bath, WC and basin. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and space at rear. EPC rating: C.

£695 PCM*

NEW

ELY

£675 PCM*

An extremely well presented two bed detached coach house situated on the popular South side of Ely in Morley Drive.

This neutrally decorated property comprises of a lounge/diner with sofa and armchair and wooden table and chairs. Kitchenette with fridge/freezer, gas hob and electric oven and washing machine. One double bedroom and one single bedroom. Family bathroom with shower over the bath. Understairs storage cupboard. Part furnished. Garage and parking space. Gas central heating. EPC rating: B.

ELY

An attractive four bedroom Grade II Listed townhouse located in the much sought after Waterside area in Ely.

The property retains many period features and will benefit from new decor and carpets throughout. It comprises of lounge with Inglenook fireplace, gas fired coal effect stove and quarry tiled floor, kitchen with gas fired Aga, washing machine and fridge/freezer, Garden room, four bedrooms and bathroom with shower over bath. Rear garden. Gas central heating. EPC rating: D.

£1,350 PCM*

NEW PRICE

WILBURTON

£595 PCM*

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac within the popular village of Wilburton.

The property comprises of kitchen, lounge with newly fitted carpet, WC, bathroom, a double bedroom with newly fitted carpet and built in wardrobes and a single bedroom with built in wardrobes. Side and rear gardens. Electric heating. EPC rating: D.

NEW

ELY

A spacious five bedroom detached house located in a quiet cul-de-sac off Kings Avenue in Ely with views to open countryside.

The property comprises of a kitchen with integrated fridge freezer and dishwasher, gas hob and electric oven. Breakfast room with french doors to the rear garden and utility room. Lounge with open fire, dining room and cloakroom. Master bedroom with dressing room, double wardrobes and ensuite bathroom with shower cubicle. Bedroom two with built in wardrobes and en-suite shower room. Three further bedrooms and a shower room on the top floor. Lawned garden. Double driveway and single garage. EPC rating C.

£1,350 PCM*

ELY

A modern one bedroom first floor apartment, located west of the City centre.

The property comprises of hallway with built-in storage cupboard, open-plan lounge/kitchen with appliances, bedroom with built-in wardrobes and bathroom with shower over bath. Gas central heating. Parking space. EPC rating: B.

£575 PCM*

LET

ELY

A very well presented four bedroom semi detached house on this well regarded development close to the City Centre.

The property comprises of lounge with bay window, kitchen/diner, utility room, bedroom 1 with built in wardrobes and ensuite shower room, two double bedrooms, single bedroom and family bathroom. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and driveway. EPC rating: C.

£995 PCM*

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Soham £105,000

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Soham £154,500

End terrace house with accommodation comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and garage en-bloc. EPC Rating C.

Soham £184,950

End terrace house with accommodation comprising, hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms with en-suite to master and bathroom. The property benefits from off road parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating B.

Chippenham £137,500

Detached house in sought after village with accommodation comprising kitchen, lounge/dining room, bedroom and bathroom. The property benefits from electric heating and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating D

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Soham £525

Ground floor flat with accommodation comprising hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and shower room. EPC Rating G. *Tenancy application fees are applicable from £200 plus VAT.*

Soham £675

Semi detached house with two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, additional reception room and bathroom. The property has no rear garden. EPC Rating TBA. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £600

Barn conversion with accommodation comprising living area/kitchen, cloakroom, bedroom and shower room and benefitting from enclosed garden and parking space. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £775

End terrace house with three bedrooms, en-suite to bedroom one, lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Allocated parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating B. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £675

Mid terraced house with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Garage, gas heating and rear garden. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees are applicable from £200 plus VAT*.

Soham £450

First floor flat with accommodation comprising living/kitchen area, bedroom and bathroom. EPC Rating G. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £600 pcm

Two bedroom top floor apartment, gas radiator heating, double glazed, allocated parking. EPC rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £599

Two bedroom house close to town centre with kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from electric heating and courtyard garden. No parking. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

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Village family residence with four bedrooms

Wilburton: £290,000

A FAMILY home with four bedrooms in Clarkes Lane, Wilburton, is on the market for offers over £290,000. It has accommodation including a sitting room, dining room and conservatory, a kitchen, utility room and downstairs cloakroom. All four bedrooms are on the first floor, along with a family bathroom. The property has a driveway to the front with off-road parking for several vehicles, and an enclosed rear garden laid to lawn with a garden shed. Viewing is by prior arrangement with Abbotts Countrywide on (01353) 666502.

Fordham: £237,500

A DETACHED two bedroom bungalow in Trinity Close, Fordham, is on the market for offers in excess of £237,500. It has an entrance porch and hallway, two bedrooms, a shower room, kitchen and sun room. Outside are two outbuildings, a shingle front garden and a landscaped rear garden with patio area, lawned area, pergola, pond, summerhouse and greenhouse.

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- Sought after location
- Open plan kitchen/dining room
- L shaped first floor lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Enclosed low maintenance rear garden
- EPC Rating D

WITCHFORD £189,950

- Modern semi detached house
- Popular location
- 3 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- Cloakroom and family bathroom
- Enclosed and garden and garage
- No onward chain

LITTLEPORT £167,500

- Modern end terraced house
- Lounge and dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garage and driveway
- EPC Rating D

PRICKWILLOW GUIDE PRICE £675,000

- Individual Barn conversion
- Rural location with open views
- 3 ground floor bedrooms
- 1st floor mezzanine lounge and master bedroom with en-suite
- Living and dining room
- Well appointed kitchen

SUTTON £329,950

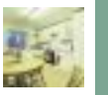
- Spacious modern home
- Very smartly presented
- Fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Split level lounge/dining room
- 4 double and 1 single bedrooms
- South facing garden view views

LITTLEPORT £184,950

- Modern semi detached house
- Popular location
- Ideal for growing family
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Fitted kitchen dining room
- Lounge
- EPC Rating C

LITTLEPORT £174,950

- Older style property
- Spacious accommodation
- Dining hall, Cloak W/C
- 3 double bedrooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room + Utility
- Living room , Conservatory
- Enclosed rear garden and garage
- EPC Rating D



LITTLEPORT £229,950

- Modern attached home
- Quiet cul de sac location
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Well fitted kitchen and utility area
- Lounge, dining room and study
- Garage and garden
- EPC Rating C

COVENEY £252,500

- Established detached bungalow
- Semi rural location with views over open fields
- 3 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- Lounge and dining room
- Detached double garage and attractive landscaped gardens
- EPC Rating E

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£325,000

MARCH

A family home refurbished to a high standard comprising; newly fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, lounge, 3 double bedrooms with en-suite to master and family bathroom, Ample parking and 2 acres of land. EPC - C.

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CHATTERIS

3 bedroom, semi-detached family home in a popular location. The property comprises; Cloakroom, lounge/diner, recently fitted kitchen and gardens to the front and rear. Allocated parking. EPC - D

£129,995

CHATTERIS

Kavanagh Hayes are delighted to present this two bedroom link-detached bungalow in a popular cul-de-sac location, close to the Town Centre. The bungalow has gardens to the front and rear, and a single garage. No Upward Chain. EPC - D

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CHATTERIS

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SUTTON — O/A £330,000

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A substantial, beautifully presented, 4 bedroom 4 bathroom, Victorian detached residence with double garage which lies in the heart of this popular well served village location. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Dual Aspect Living Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, 25 Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Galleried Landing, Study, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Large Rear Garden, Double Garage. Floor Area 2,800 sq. ft. 260m2. EPC - 51(E)

LITTLE DOWNHAM — O/A £189,950

An individually designed 2/3 bedroom detached family home situated just off the High Street in this sought after Village. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room/Bedroom 3, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 2 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Parking for 2 Vehicles. No Upward Chain EPC - 78(C)

ELY — O/A £220,000

NEW

An attractive and deceptively spacious, 2 bedroom cottage with off road parking situated just a short walk from the Waterside, City centre and the railway station. Living Room (with Sitting Area and Dining Area), Contemporary Refitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Parking Space, Enclosed Rear Garden. No Upward Chain EPC - 55(D)

SOHAM

NEW

SOLD STC

A particularly well appointed, and extremely spacious, 4 bedroom semi detached property which lies in a convenient spot literally a stones throw from the Church in the centre of this popular well served village location. Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Sitting Room, Kitchen, Dual Aspect Dining Room, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Low Maintenance Rear Garden, Off Road Parking. EPC - 53(D)

LITTLEPORT — O/A £154,950

NEW

A spacious 3 bedroom period property just a short walk from the town centre and the railway station and benefitting from 2 garages. Entrance Lobby, Inner Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Shower Room, 3 Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Courtyard Style Rear Garden, 2 Single Garages. No Upward Chain. EPC - 52(C)

CHETTISHAM

NEW

SOLD STC

A charming and beautifully presented 3 bedroom cottage situated in a small hamlet just north of Ely. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Cloakroom/Utility Room, Wet Room, 3 Bedrooms, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden, Garage, Off Road Parking. EPC - 63(D)

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ELY O/A £285,000

NEW

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LITTLEPORT O/A £129,950

NEW

An individually designed 2 bedroom detached home situated in the centre of the Village just a short walk to the Railway Station. EPC - 64(D)

SOHAM O/A £183,950

A well presented, individually designed, 3 bedroom detached family home with beautiful views over the Common. EPC - 66(D)

MEPAL £210,000

A particularly well located spacious modern detached bungalow of good proportions overlooking a large open green in this sought after cul de sac development. EPC - 67(D)

WITCHFORD O/A £299,950

An exceptional, well presented, 4 bedroom detached family home situated in a popular development in the centre of the Village. EPC - 73(C)

ELY O/A £279,950

A well appointed, spacious, 4 bedroom detached/link detached property which lies in an appealing position ideal for local schools (The Lantern) and City centre. EPC - 67(D)

PRICKWILLOW O/A £139,950

An established 3 bedroom semi detached house situated in this small quiet hamlet approximately 3 miles from Ely. No Upward Chain. EPC - 28(F)

LITTLEPORT O/A £495,000

A substantial detached residence with self contained annexe and planning consent for holiday cottage situated in this well served village. No Upward Chain. EPC - 70(C)

WITCHAM £1,200 pcm*

NEW PRICE

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A modern two bedroom mid-terraced house tucked away at the end of a cul-de-sac. EPC 71 - C

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A one bedroom end of terrace house tucked away at the end of a small cul-de-sac. EPC 71-C

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Ford takes wraps off all-new Focus

FORD has taken the wraps off its refreshed Focus.

Expected to hit the showrooms later this year, the Focus adopts Ford's new exterior nose treatment – a version of which has already been adapted for the recently refreshed Fiesta supermini.

Inside the Focus the cabin has been overhauled to incorporate Ford's latest generation infotainment system, with fewer buttons and a less cluttered appearance.

Improved voice control for the major audio, communication and navigation functions are also being promoted, alongside an enhanced version of Ford's City Stop urban auto braking mode and a new hands-free parking system.

There have also been changes under the bonnet, as the revised car will be shipped with an updated engine range. Highlights include new 1.5-litre petrol and diesel engines offering lower CO2 and fuel consumption figures.

OVERHAULED: The all-new Ford Focus

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Duathlon

It's a Monster time for Lings and Kenny

Under orders: Competitors on the start for the Monster Racing Duathlon. Picture: Ian Green Photography.

JULIAN Lings and Victoria Kenny were victorious in the Eastern Counties Finance Monster Racing Duathlon, sponsored by PWR+, at Witchford Village College.

The event sees competitors race over a 5km run, 25km cycle and 5km run, with 85 athletes taking part in the event, which is in its third year.

On a chilly and windy morning, Team Accelerate's Lings was first across the line in the men's race in 1hr 12min 44sec.

Second spot went to SwimPackRT's Dean Watson, in 1:16.21, with Body Limits Transition – Corley Cycles' Phil Melling in third in 1:16.22.

In the women's race, Hadleigh Hares' Victoria Kenny was first in 1:25.58, with Ipswich Triathlon Club's Jayne Williams second in 1:30.35. Third place went to Cambridge Triathlon Club's Joanna Davies, who clocked 1:31.07.

The age group winners for the 16 to 24 section were Jack Bond, in 1:20.42, and Jasmine Haywood (Hadleigh Hares AC), in 1:39.32; the 25 to 34 category winners were Mark Tickner (Cambridge Triathlon Club), in 1:21.45, and Jenny Mackay (Cambridge Triathlon Club), in 1:51.40.

In the 35 to 44 category, Peter Kerry (Ipswich Triathlon Club), in 1:18.39, and Clare Cunningham (Cambridge Triathlon Club), in 1:37.16 were first; the 45 to 54 victors were Gary Spencer (North Devon Tri), in 1:21.58, and Nikki Spencer, (North Devon Tri), in 1:54.36 and in the 55-plus section, CLUB's Martin Ward triumphed in 1:58.16.

Athletes taking part from Ely Tri Club and Ely & District CC were Gary Wilberforce (1:24.09), Jay Woods (1:29.47), Chris Brown (1:34.24), Hayley Turner (1:42.19), Laura Marshall-Colling (2:04.43) and Sandie Jardine (2:08.41).

A Monster Racing spokesman said: "This event is early in the racing season and as always it was good to see many athletes take part in our duathlon. It's great to put on an event which attracts a mixed field, from first timers to pro athletes. Some familiar faces returned, which makes us very proud."

Monster Racing have expanded their race calendar and have doubled the number of events they are putting on, with new additions taking place all across East Anglia.

Detail and entries for all events are open at www.monsterracing.net

Rugby union

Tigers power to victory

ELY Tigers under-14s beat Saffron Walden 41-7 in the Cambs County Plate final.

They started well and pushed for an early score with much of the first 15 minutes contested inside the Walden 22.

But some great defending and lack of composure meant it was not until the 20th minute when Ely finally broke the deadlock.

Committed defending from Saffron Walden and handling errors resulted in Ely squandering good field position but they added two more tries.

Walden hit back with an individual try but at the interval the Tigers led 15-7.

Ely struggled to dominate the second half, but their pressure told in the final 10 minutes when a flurry of tries secured the victory.

Jack Emery, Jacob Dawes and Stephen Snook were among the try scorers.

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Bowls

Egham final awaits City's star bowlers

CITY of Ely booked their place in the Egham Trophy final following a 77-46 success over Hartlepool at Nottingham.

Seeking to lift the prize they last won four years ago and having defeated holders Desborough in the last eight, Ely went into the semi-final full of confidence.

And the early exchanges saw Ely exert their authority by taking a commanding 33-6 lead after five ends with Andrew Easy's rink 11-2 ahead, Nicky Brett 6-0 up, Stuart Popple leading 7-1 and Greg Harlow 6-3.

Ely maintained their dominance by going 41 shots clear after 10 ends, but with the match as good as in the bag, Hartlepool mounted a spirited reply by reducing the deficit to 21 shots over the next five ends.

However, the game swung back in Ely's favour in the closing stages with Hartlepool conceding with 11 ends still to play.

Ely will now face either Torquay United or Swale in the final at Egham on March 30.

Meanwhile, Ellen Falkner and Brett teamed up to claim the English mixed pairs title in comfortable fashion at Lincoln with a 24-11 win in the final against Wellingborough's Jean Burgess and Jamie Walker.

They kicked off with a straightforward 19-4 thrashing of Adur pair Lorraine Kuhler and David Hubbard in the first round and followed it up with a 22-12 win over Clarrie Dunbar duo Kim Smith and Andy Colebrooke in the quarter-finals before beating Hartlepool's Lauren Copeland and Paul Mosley 25-14 in the last four.

In the mixed fours, clubmates Sara Matthews, Catherine Popple, Ian Brown and Stuart Popple got off to a good start by beating Cumbria quartet Linda Rye, Karen Edmondson, David McManus and Rick Gallagher 28-7.

But they went out in the last eight following an 18-8 defeat to Blackpool Newton Hall's Emma Seed, Sue Kearsley, Jonathan Goodall and Mark Dawes.

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Champs: Nicky Brett and Ellen Falkner with English mixed pairs trophy

Table tennis

Mohan's maximum haul

LIAM Mohan's maximum helped Haddenham I push on and secure an 8-2 victory over Fulbourn III in the Ely & District League, Division One.

Peter Xie and Richard Hatley found Christian and Kieran Mohan too hot to handle, although Hatley took a leg off both and also managed to win the first two legs in his loss to Liam.

Nigel Bates registered Fulbourn's two wins.

Impington I entertained Ely I and it was a win each from Andrew Maguire and Ju Young against Anna Bridge that put the two Ely points on the board.

Jan Hryca and Ben Brown won their singles plus the doubles for Impington.

A resilient Mark Lillyman wore down Max Schwiening in five to give Soham Comrades I a promising start against Fulbourn II.

Nathan Stewart won his three, backed up by Lillyman, again needing the fifth to overcome Hamish Ryder.

For Fulbourn, Harris Ryder scored two wins in five against James Nicholls and Lillyman. A win each for Schwiening and Hamish Ryder left Fulbourn needing the doubles to draw and they duly obliged.

Tony Everitt scored three and Clive Woollard two before joining forces to take the doubles as Soham beat Elsworth I 6-4.

Roger Fensom took two for Elsworth with Joe Thorogood and Peter Goatly one each.

Comrades II recruited Tony Comiskey to cover for Bela Szabo and he obliged with two wins against Fulbourn I, coming unstuck in a close encounter with Terry Lane.

Lane beat Kin Choi Chan in five on his way to a maximum and was well supported by Marc Meunier who also beat Kin in five.

Comiskey joined Rob Wallis to take the doubles but Fulbourn took the match 6-4.

Division Two saw Ellesmere I close in on the championship as they beat Ely II 9-1. Impington II travelled to Fulbourn IV and came away with an 8-2 victory thanks to Tony Taylor and Harvey Dinkele both securing maximums, while Fulbourn V beat Comrades IV 6-4

In Division 3, Fulbourn 7 overcame Comrades 6 7-3, whule Pedro Rocha proved to be the thorn in the side of Fulbourn VIII as he won his three for Ely III in a 6-4 triumph.

In the Handicap Plate, Fulbourn V's experience told as they whitewashed Haddenham II 5-0.

Haddenham gave an outing to 15-year-old Will Smith but it was Michael Thomas who was the biggest test for Fulbourn.

Youth football

Wright grabs hat-trick

MAX Wright hit three and Josh Bidecant got one as Littleport beat Isleham 4-1 in Cambridge & District Colts League, 16B.

Haddenham Rovers beat Over Sports 2-0 in BM Kempton 9v9 Youth League, 12C thanks to Lewis Perry's double.

Jake Garner and Joshua Huckle netted as Mepal Sports beat Stretham Sporting Blues 2-0 in 12C.

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Gent earns red card as Soham lose out

JORDAN Gent was sent off as Soham suffered a 2-0 defeat at Tilbury in Ryman League, Division One North.

Antonio Murray was handed his debut after joining Rangers on Friday following his release by Royston, but he was unable to help his new side get off the mark.

The hosts went in front on 16 minutes and Soham thought they had levelled soon after only for Luke Stanley's effort to be ruled out for offside.

It got worse for the visitors when Gent was dismissed after the break for lashing out after being on the receiving end of a nasty challenge, his assailant only picking up a booking to the dismay of manager Steve Fallon.

Tilbury settled matters in the final minute with a penalty after Martin Bromwich brought down a home attacker inside the area.

Fallon was disappointed with his second-placed side's performance despite having plenty of the ball throughout the game.

He said: "If you're not on your game in this league you can quite easily get beaten.

"We've had a few things go for us over the time, but we just never really got going.

"We had a fair bit of the ball, but the final ball wasn't good enough and we didn't really create many chances.

"I've got no arguments with Jordan's sending-off, but I felt their player should have gone as well because their fellow has laid on top of him to stop him getting up.

"We still had a little bit of the ball after that, but they looked dangerous on the break and I've got no complaints about the penalty."

Ben Lawrence's own goal set the tone as Ely went down 2-0 at home to Kirkley & Pakefield in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division.

The player-assistant boss put through his own net after 15 minutes while keeper Lee Pacey was forced to make three good saves to keep the score at 1-0 by half time.

Kirkley added another goal in the second half and the Robins' day was complete when Lewis McDonald missed a spot kick after Adam Murray was fouled inside the box.

Ely also lost 3-2 on penalties at home to Newmarket in their Red Insure Cup semi-final on Tuesday following a 1-1 draw after extra time.

Murray's header just before half time was cancelled out by Jockeys substitute Jake Higgs on 82 minutes.

And when Simon Farrow's spot kick in the shootout was tipped on to the post by George Lawton, it was game over for the hosts.

Early bath: Jordan Gent was dismissed in Soham's 2-0 loss to Tilbury.

Rugby union

Rogerson's late heroics for Ely

HARRY Rogerson's late try earned Ely a 15-13 win at Southwold in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

Southwold went ahead with a converted try, but touchdowns from Dave Kempers and Ricky Neale gave the Tigers a 10-7 lead at half time.

Southwold went back in front through two penalties, but Rogerson's try in the last play out wide earned Ely the victory.

Captain John Dibb said: "It was a very hard-working game, they really brought it to us.

"Both the forwards packs were very strong and they disrupted the ruck ball well, sometimes illegally. When we got it out to the backs, it was very slow ball.

"Generally it was a good all-round performance."

Ely are third in the table, seven points off West Norfolk, who are in the second promotion spot.

They are at home to Swaffham on Saturday.

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